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HIGHWAY INFEST PERRY COMMEREE BOLD HOOUPS.

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UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—Coun Detective Alex McBeth will be aske to investigate the death of John Munko whose mangled body was found ong the Pennsylvania railroad tracks ar Fairchance Friday morning. It is lieved Munko was the victim of a play.

While in a Fairchance hotel Thu day evening Munko displayed a b roll of bills but when his body wa found the next morning only a photo graph was to be found.

MRS. W. G. HUNTER.

Died on Monday at Her Fairview Avenue Home After a Short Illness.

Mrs. Sidney A. Hunter, aged 59 years, one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Connellsville, died Monday shortly after 10 o'clock at her late home on East Fairview avenue after a several weeks' illness. She contracted a severe cold that developed into grip which with heart trouble resulted in her death.

Deceased was the daughter of the late M. and Mrs. Jacob Strader and was born and reared at Madison, Pa., March 19, 1848. She was married in Greensburg to William G. Hunter of Westmoreland county. Rev. W. B. Dick of Johnstown officiated. In 1872 the family moved to Connellsville, where they have since resided. Mrs. Hunter was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

While her illness was known to many of her friends, her death came as a great shock, as her condition was not thought to be serious. She is survived by her husband and two grown children, Miss Clara Hunter, at home, and A. T. Hunter of Pittsburg. One brother, George W. Shrader, of Berlin Center, O., also survives.

BIG DAMAGES

Will Be Asked of Oliver & Snyder Steel Company for Death of George Latine.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—An action in trespass against the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company has been started by the widow and children of George Latine through Judge Edward Campbell, and while no statement was filed, it is learned that the damages asked will be large.

Latine was killed in the Oliver mines about a year ago and negligence on the part of the company is alleged. Latine was working about 50 yards away from the point where a big blast was shot. It is claimed that Latine should have been warned that the blast was going off.

The plaintiffs claim he was not warned, and met death by being burned by a fall in the roof which followed the blast. The company maintains it was in no way negligent.

DIED AT HOSPITAL.

Italian Who Was Admitted from Bluestone Expires of Pneumonia Sunday Night.

Tony Cicolini of Bluestone, aged 40 years, died Sunday of pneumonia at the Cottage State Hospital, to which institution he was admitted December He had a slight scalp wound as result of being shot by an unknown negro, and later contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia. The body was removed to the funeral Director J. L. Stader's rooms and prepared for burial. Arrangements have not yet been made for the fun-

REFUSES MONEY TO WIFE.

Has Plenty of Cash, but Spends None for Christmas Bread.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec 30.—(Special.)—"I go to jail for a year before I give my wife one cent," said Steve Boch of Hahntown in a justice's court. His wife charged him with assault and battery and non-support. She said that when she asked for money for household expenses he generally beat her. Mrs. Boch declared her husband had plenty of money before Christmas, but would not give her enough to buy a loaf of bread for a Christmas dinner. The Justice sent Boch to jail for an indefinite period.

SOMERSET DEALS.

Two Recent Real Estate Deals That Total $21,000.

A deed recently recorded shows that J. M. Lohr and wife conveyed to Lewis Merley a tract of land situate in Conemaugh township, Somerset county, containing 84 acres, for a consideration of $9,000.

A deed recently placed on record shows that Robert Augustine has conveyed to Jasper Augustine a tract of land situate in Addison township containing 196 acres, for a consideration of $12,000.

GIRL IN CASE.

Stenographer for W. L. Lenhart Says Name to $25,000 Worth of Cashier's Checks Is Forged.

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 30—A woman has finally been drawn into the troubles of the Peoples Bank of California which was closed several weeks ago, and the cashier of which O. F. Piper, now in jail awaiting trial on the charge of embezzlement. His alleged complice, W. L. Lenhart, of Brownsville, is under $25,000 bond for his appearance at the February criminal on the same charge. The woman question is now Mrs. W. H. Conwell, wife of a well known resident of Brownsville. Mrs. Conwell was formerly Miss Mary Bird, and she was for a time stenographer to W. L. Lenhart.

The auditors going over the books of the Peoples bank some time ago came across several cashier's checks made payable to Miss Bird, and which had been cashed and bore what purported to be Miss Bird's signature. Finally summing up was had and it was discovered that the total amount of the cashier's checks made payable to Miss [illegible] was something like $35,000 all of which bore her signature on the back.

The checks were taken to Mrs. Conwell during last week and she repudiated them completely, denying that she had ever seen them, much less signed them or received any money on them. This exposure has caused much excitement in the Monongahela valley, and all kinds of rumors are now afloat about what will come next.

SAW ME RUNNING

From Brownsville Negro Before Dynamite Let Go—No Other Clue to Crime.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. [illegible]—County Detective Alex. McBeth is in Brownsville Saturday in an effort to secure evidence concerning the men who attempted to dynamite the home of R. Frediani on Front street a few nights ago. A negro living on the same street reported that he saw five men running from the house a few minutes before the explosion, but he could not describe them. They took over the hill in the direction of Dunlap's creek.

It developed that Frediani had been shadowed since the time he got the letter directing him to go to New York with $10,000. Since that time he employed a watchman, but let him go a night or two before the explosion.

As Frediani's son was sick with typhoid fever and needed a nurse he thought the watchman unnecessary for a few days.

It is believed that the officers are being protected by the Italians of the neighborhood, either through fear of their vengeance, or collusion with their society.

BOY DISAPPEARS.

Officer Joseph O'Bryon of New Haven is Looking for His Son, Who is Missing.

Officer Joseph O'Bryon of New Haven is looking for his 14 year old son, Peter O'Bryon, who disappeared Sunday afternoon and hasn't been seen since. The lad went to Wheeler yesterday afternoon with his mother and started from there for Connellsville.

When the lad failed to return home last night Officer O'Bryon became nervous. He is still hunting the lad. The Connellsville officers have also been notified.

FOUND RAVING MAD.

Young Slav Is Entombed in Ellsworth Mine for Three Days.

MONONGAHELA, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—After being imprisoned three days in Ellsworth mine John Omillian, a young Slav, was released from his underground dungeon a raving maniac and taken to his home at Arden. Omillian last Thursday set off a blast, which effectually blocked all exit from the room where he was working.

Yesterday a number of mine officials inspecting the mine accidentally found Omillian, dug him out, and were astonished to find him completely mad with hunger and thirst. He knocked two men down before he was overpowered and cared for.

BLOWN OUT SHOT CAUSED EXPLOSION.

Prominent Mine Inspector Does Not Believe Gas Let Go at Darr.

SHOT IGNITED THE DUST

And this is What Caused the Frightful Loss of Life on December 10, it is Claimed—Of the 220 Bodies Recovered 174 Were Identified.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 30.—That the terrible Darr mine disaster of December 10 was caused by a blown out shot followed by a dust explosion, and not by an explosion of gas, is the opinion expressed by a prominent mine inspector, and his views are voiced by most other experts who have examined the interior of the pit. It is said that there is no evidence that gas was present in great quantities, or even sufficient to have done the damage that resulted from the explosion.

It has been the prevailing opinion that the disaster was a gas explosion, but the blown out shot and dust theory is being given serious thought by those interested.

In all 220 bodies were recovered from the mine, of which 174 were identified. The 46 unidentified dead lie side by side in Olive Branch cemetery near here. It is hoped that some of these may be identified by their effects.

Evidences of the disaster are fast disappearing. The morgue has been closed and the big tent which served for this purpose was torn down yesterday. The addition to the blacksmith shop, built to receive the bodies was also torn down. Coroner Wynn is on the scene today to check over the articles of clothing belonging to the unidentified men.

Nine more bodies of the victims of the Darr mine disaster were brought here Saturday night and taken to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's rooms on West Main street. The names of the dead men are as follows: John Ivainstski, aged 35; John Kolesar, Jr., aged 29; Peter Smiko, aged 31; George Najje, aged 38; Mike Honioja, aged 26; Steve Komsko, aged 26; Lewis Szuchacs, aged 35; John Sabados, aged 30, and John Kozel, aged 35.

The bodies of Ivianstski, Kolesar, Smiko, Najje and Honioja were interred in the Greek cemetery at Leisenring No. 1, Komsko and Szuch were members of Rev. M. Tomaschka's congregation and the interment took place in Hill Grove cemetery. The bodies of Sabados and Kozel were interred in the St. John's cemetery at Brookvale.

The body of Steve Bischer was brought here yesterday morning and interred in St. Joseph's cemtery. Services were held at Smithton Sunday morning over the remains.

The following victims of the Darr mine disaster were interred in St. Emory Catholic cemetery yesterday, they having been brought to the undertaking establishment of J. E. Sims:

John Hlaba, aged 20; John Kovacs, aged 23; Steve Mohiar, aged 28; Emory Varga, aged 26; John Breznar, aged 20; Laszlo Benczs, aged 29; Steve Baloy, aged 27.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Organized by Colored Voters Last November Now Has Flourishing Membership.

The Republican Joint Club, which was organized by the colored voters of Davidson Hill last November, now has a flourishing membership. The club was organized with only a few members and now there are 38 in good standing, each of whom has a vote and it is needless to say that all of them are good Republican votes. The other members of the club are, William Gary, A. P. Ritman, G. H. Robinson, A. Lynt, C. Wright, M. C. Forney and W. I. Johnson.

The officers of the club are: William Carey, President; John Lacey, Vice President; A. P. Ritman, Secretary; Edward Mayre, Assistant Secretary. Meetings are held twice a month in the Club House on Davidson Hill.

R. F. SAMPLE ILL.

Well Known Resident of Uniontown Suffers Serious Eye Affliction.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—Dr. W. R. Jamison, an eye specialist of Greensburg, and Dr. O. R. Altman, of Uniontown, have made an examination of the eyes of Robert F. Sample, one of the proprietors of the Gallatin Hotel, and have discovered that he is suffering from a severe case of iritis.

Mr. Sample's eyes have been bandaged and he will be compelled to remain in his room for two or three weeks.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

Mrs. J. P. Shirley Expired Sunday at Ellwood City.

Word has been received here of the death on Sunday of Mrs. J. P. Shirley at Ellwood City. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley formerly lived on Francis avenue here, but moved to Ellwood City some months ago. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Rev. J. J. Huston officiating. Mrs. Shirley will be interred at Salisbury.

Deceased was the sister of J. A. McKeeson and Mrs. Joseph Wilson. She is survived by her husband.

SHERIFF SALES.

Brownsville Property of Chatland and Lenhart Knocked Down for $13,000—Other Sales.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—Sheriff M. A. Kiefer held his last sale of public properties in the court house corridor Saturday afternoon, which was attended by quite a number of interested parties. The most important sale was that of Mary A. Chatland and William L. Lenhart, doing business under the firm name of Chatland & Lenhart of Brownsville. The property was bid off by Charles L. Snowden for $13,000 with instructions to the sheriff to make the deed to the Monongahela National Bank, of Brownsville. The lands thus changing hands are in the center of the river town and quite valuable.

A small strip of land in Dunbar township, along the Baltimore & Ohio between Dunbar and Wheeler, was sold to W. J. Sturgis. The land includes the Porter Hill Stone Quarry and was sold as the property of the Fayette Sand Stone Company at the suit of a Connelisville bank. The price received was $102.50.

A property in German township, on the road leading from Masontown to Riverview station along the Monongahela river, was sold to Attorney E. D. Brown. This was taken into execution as the property of W. N. Dillow and sold at the suit of Clark W. Goodwin.

BOYD MISSING.

He Is Sadly Wanted by Mt. Pleasant Merchants Who Cashed His Checks.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec 30.—Several Mt. Pleasant merchants are looking for Emmet L. Boyd, an electrician, who palmed off several worthless checks on them on Christmas eve. Boyd was fortunate in getting three of them cashed, one of $35 and the others $25 each. He claimed they were Christmas presents from his foster father, Joseph Landis of this place.

The merchants were not suspicious and cashed the paper, only to learn, the day after Christmas, that each was a forgery. Informations charging Boyd with forgery, have been sworn out.

After getting the money Boyd left town and it is believed he may be found in or about Chicago, where he has friends. Boyd was a prominent figure about Mt. Pleasant at the time Amos R. Rumbaugh, the meat dealer, committed suicide at Colorado Springs a few months ago. Boyd at the time claimed to have been well acquainted with the women implicated in the Rumbaugh affair.

ORPHANS' COURT.

A Short Session Is Held This Morning Before Judge J. C. Work at Uniontown.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—A short session of Orphans' Court was held this morning before Judge J. C. Work at which routine business was transacted. Patrick H. Ralston, guardian of the minor children of the late Thomas A. Madigan of Connellsville, was given privilege to join in a deed for the sale of property to James A. Fleming for $4,000.

The Citizens Title & Trust Company of Uniontown was authorized to accept $675 from Joseph Harford for the maintenance of the minor children of William Harford, killed on the Pennsylvania railroad about a year ago. This money was from the relief organization and had been made payable to Harford's father previous to his marriage.

HELD FOR COURT

Is Reuben Lee, Charged With Stealing Waste from Cars.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—At a hearing this morning Reuben Lee was held for court to answer charges of stealing waste from B. & O. cars at Leith.

Captain W. A. Metzler of the B. & O. police force is the prosecutor.

Influenza at Greensburg.

Physicians report scores of cases of influenza at Greensburg caused, they say, by the mild weather.

FREIGHT TRAINS SUSPENDED ON THE B. & O. FOR 24 HOURS.

Nothing But Perishable Goods Moved from Midnight Saturday Until Midnight Sunday Night.

SUIT OVER NOTE.

Balance of $3,194.04 Said to be Due Monessen Institution.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—The Monessen Savings and Trust Company has begun action to recover $3,194.04 from Daniel F. Hostetler of German township, this amount being, it is alleged, due on a promissory note issued by former Steward Samuel Newcomer to Hostetler and A. E. Moser.

The note was originally for $4,500, payable in 30 days. It went to protest and two payments have been made by the receiver in bankruptcy, one of $960 and the other $998.40. The Monessen bank seeks to secure the balance from Hostetler.

MAY BE MURDER.

A Wholesale Stabbing Affray Results from Celebration Held Last Week at Windber.

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Dec. 30.—In all probability another murder will be added to the annals of crime in Somerset county. Five foreigners, all miners employed at the Jenner mine No. 2, were brought to Somerset yesterday by Officer John C. Bently of Boswell and incarcerated in the county jail, charged with aggravated assault and battery. The prisoners are Peter Harry, Andy Bedilla, Peter Saco, Peter Bedilla and John Kontra.

It seems that on Christmas night a party of foreigners were gathered in a shanty at Jenner. Beer was much in evidence. The party became boisterous and quarrelsome. A fight ensued. The long and murderous Italian knives were drawn. A general stabbing affray resulted. The uninjured participants are now in jail and the injured men are lying at Jenner No. 2, some of them in a critical condition.

The injured men are Joe Boski, Constant Stonke, Paul Maleto and William Kretoski. Steve Kontra, a brother of one of the prisoners, escaped, but it is believed that he will be arrested in a day or two.

Paul Maleto cannot, according to reports, recover. He is stabbed in the abdomen and has other wounds. Two of the other men are also seriously injured.

FAMILY REUNION.

Members of Molleston Family Gather at Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Molleston, Dawson.

DAWSON, Dec. 30.—All the children of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Molleston of Dawson came home Sunday, December 29, and held a family reunion The children were: W. J. Molleston, Verona, Pa.; T. S. Molleston, Toronto, Canada; Mrs. Joseph Gray, Greensburg, and Mrs. G. A. Farmer, Versailles, Pa. The grandchildren present were: Sam Brown Gray of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Miss Pauline Gray, Misses Lucy and Jane Molleston and Master Albert Farmer. Others present were: Joseph Gray, G. A. Farmer and Mrs. H. J. Molleston.

After a big dinner they strolled around the town where they spent many childhood days. Mr. and Mrs. Molleston have been residents of Dawson for almost 40 years. A very happy day was spent and all departed Sunday evening for their respective homes and arranged to hold another reunion next year.

WILL USE FERRY

Over Yough at West Newton Till Bridge Is Built.

The commissioners of Westmoreland county have determined to buy the private ferry, now operating on the Yough, on account of the interruption of bridge communication, improve it with steam and charge the same to the Penn Bridge Company, which has had, since spring the contract to erect a new bridge.

The bridge, which ought to have been completed months ago, is not available. It has been beset with many difficulties, including a bit of dynamiting and a washout of the temporary foot structure.

OFFICE FORCE HIT.

Grip Strikes Employes of the West Penn Hard.

The office force of the West Penn Railways is crippled to some extent today owing to [illegible] employes being off with attacks of the grip.

This obnoxious disease is making serious inroads [illegible] the localities and dozens of cases have been reported to the physician [illegible]

JUST THE OLD YEAR SLOWNESS.

Resumption All Along the Line Is Scheduled on Next Monday When Tonnage Will Pick Up and Railroad Men Will Again Make Good Time.

All freight trains on the Baltimore & Ohio system except those bearing perishable goods were abandoned for 24 hours, from midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday night. This is the first time within the recollection of old railroad men that such a sweeping order was put out except in times of great floods or storms on certain divisions when the movement of freight was impossible.

The order does not indicate that business has a gloomy outlook from a railroad standpoint. It is the result of curtailment at the fag end of the year when expenses are being trimmed for the windup. Commencing the first of the year there is every indication that freight tonnage and railroad business in general will be good. Reports are out today of the resumption of many thousands of coke ovens and steel mills will again be in operation at many of the big plants throughout the country within a week.

The order posted Saturday afternoon at the general offices of the Baltimore & Ohio in Connelisville made a slow day yesterday for B. & O. men. Not more than three or four trains were moved between Pittsburg and Cumberland during the 24 hours that the order was effective. It was stated Monday. Coal and coke shipments were postponed until after midnight this morning. Recently there has been a heavy movement of coal off the Somerset & Cambria and other branches into the coal districts of Somerset county. As high as 40 trains of coal a day have been taken east over the Connellsville Division, which has resulted in a surplus stock on Eastern yards.

The first pay in the new year will not be a very prosperous one for many engine and train crews, especially those working on the extra list. Some of them have not been averaging more than $7.00 to $10 a week.

All of the B. & O. shop force at Connellsville, about 200 men and apprentices in all, were laid off Saturday at noon until January 2, 1908. Only an emergency force is kept at work. This suspension was made to keep within the appropriation made for the Connellsville shops during the month of December.

FITZGERALD OUT.

Friction With Vice President Potter Results in Resignation of B. & O. General Manager.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—Thomas Fitzgerald, general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has resigned, to take effect January 1. The duties of the general manager will be assumed by George L. Potter, third vice president, who is at the head of the operating department. No successor to Mr. Fitzgerald will be appointed for the present.

President Oscar G. Murray will create another position for Mr. Fitzgerald and retain him in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio. Mr. Fitzgerald's resignation is said to have been the outcome of differences with Mr. Potter relative to the operation of the road. These have existed for a long time and became very acute Saturday.

As a result Mr. Fitzgerald's resignation other changes on several divisions are expected. Mr. Fitzgerald had been with the B. & O. 41 years, starting at Fairmont, W. Va., as waterboy for a gravel train.

GOT A LETTER

Sub-Contractor at Tower Hill Is Told to Give Up Money.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 30.—Rinonti Galliarti, a sub-contractor working at Tower Hill last week received a letter from the alleged Black Hand society, warning him to turn over a large sum of money or court death.

County Detective McBeth is working on the case, but it is [illegible] clues as the [illegible] society.

OVER THIRTY THOUSAND TREATED BY THE UNION SUPPLY COMPANY.

Little Folks and Big Folks Saw Santa Claus in Life at Sixty Stores Throughout Coke Region.

MANAGERS WERE IN CHARGE

At Each Store and Santa Claus Came In All Sorts of Vehicles, at Some Stores Descending the Chimney—All Who Came Were Treated.

Over 30,000 children and grown folks received a Santa Claus treat at the 60 stores of the Union Supply Company at the various works where they are located in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties Wednesday morning. Throngs gathered at all of the stores from 9 to 12 o'clock. To the respective manager at each store was left the details for distributing the treat. Many of them had unique methods of introducing Santa Claus to the little folks. Some came in automobiles, others in wagons and buggies and still others popped out of a big chimney in the stores. It was the annual treat of the Union Supply Company and the biggest and most successful that has ever been given by the company since the custom was inaugurated several years ago.

Thirty thousand pounds of fine candy done up in Christmas boxes had been laid in for the treat, but a surplus supply had to be drawn on before 12 o'clock had rolled around. Though Santa Claus had to appear in a great many places at the same time he managed to fill his dates without disappointment. All children and the big folks too, who came were treated. The taggers got candy, oranges, apples and nuts, while the men and women were remembered with cigars and other little tokens appropriate for the wives and mothers and sisters. The treat was not confined to employes and their children All who lived within reach of any of the stores or came that way when Santa was present were made welcome and remembered.

At the works where there are Sunday schools organized in the churches the Union Supply Santa Claus made his appearance and left handsome treats.

At the Valley store of the Frick company there was a tremendous gathering. J. D. Hill, Jr., in the biggest automobile of the Scottdale garage, decorated up, played the part of hauling Santa. Superintendent James Lynch and Store Manager M. L. Hayes had arranged the treat of candy, nuts and fruit, and the line of nearly 800 men, women and children passed through the store, where each one got a treat. The crowd was bigger than was looked for, but that did not change the treat any, for more packages were rapidly filled. It was the most successful treat ever given there as at all other stores.

LADIES ENTERTAIN.

Circle at Liederkranz Had Charge of Entertainment for Children Last Evening.

Following their usual custom the Ladies' Circle of the German Liederkranz held their annual Christmas treat and entertainment Wednesday in the Liederkranz hall, and it was indeed a grand and happy event. Nothing was left undone by the ladies to make the affair the success that it was. Over 200 persons including men, women and children were present and the Christmas spirit was everywhere. The large hall was beautifully decorated in the Christmas greens, while in the center of the stage was an immense Christmas tree, filled with presents and beautifully illuminated with electric lights which, with the bright trimmings, presented an attractive appearance. During the earlier part of the evening an excellent program was rendered, the first number being a piano solo by Miss Whitlock, a talented musician. The address of welcome was then made by Mrs August Kerner, who in a neat manner spoke of the Christmas celebration in Germany and also of the great joy that Christmas brought to many of us. Mrs. Kerner's address was delivered in German and was highly appreciated by all present. Recitations were given by about 25 children, after which Miss Elsa Kerner sang a solo, "The Day is Ended." Miss Kerner was greeted with bursts of applause. The program was closed with an appropriate Christmas selection, "O, Tannenbaum," in which the 200 voices joined in singing.

At the conclusion of the program in behalf of the Ladies' Circle, Mrs. August Kerner, President of the Circle, presented the German Liederkranz with $100 in gold. Bernard Gutbrod, Vice President of the Liederkranz, responded with a few remarks in which ...nked the ladies for their gener... ...e grand march was be... ...ohu of Scott... ...in

MARRIED AT CUMBERLAND.

Miss Mary E. Evans and John B. Kerns Wedded Thursday.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of John B. Kerns, Jr., of this place and Miss Mary E. Evans, a well known young lady of Hyndman, Pa. The ceremony was performed last Thursday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. M. Brooks, on South Mechanic street, Cumberland, by Rev. Barnes.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Kerns and his bride left on the Duquesne Limited for Washington and Baltimore where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside here. Mr. Kerns is a well known young man of town and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerns, Sr.

LUMBER ALL CUT.

Byers-Allen Company Winding Up Their Territory in the Vicinity of Ligonier.

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 23.—A report states that one of the greatest of Ligonier's industries is nearing an end. This is the vast lumbering business which for years has been conducted by the Byers-Allen Lumber Company. Thousands of acres of fine timber have been cut and the logs sawed into lumber and marketed during the past several years, and now it is stated that the resources of the tracts have been exhausted and that the Byers-Allen Company are preparing to remove their plants and men to virgin tracts of timber.

Large mills occupy acres of land in the eastern end of Ligonier borough and probably a thousand men reside in Ligonier and swell the population of that town who care in the employ of this great lumber company.

The land which has been lumbered by the Byers-Allen Lumber Company extends for miles along the line of the Pittsburg, Westmoreland & Somerset railroad and includes the famous Laurel Hills. This country is famous as one of the wildest and most primitive sections in the thickly populated sections of Western Pennsylvania.

BIG JAIL DINNER.

Sheriff Kiefer Will Celebrate End of Term by Entertaining Lavishly.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—Sheriff Kiefer has made arrangements to serve his annual dinner to the prisoners and the last one of the term. He has 200 chickens and 135 mince pies among other Christmas dainties. It is expected that every prisoner will put away a mince pie. There are 135 inmates who will be in jail at the time the dinner is served.

When the Sheriff took charge of the office Sheriff Frock turned over to him 68 prisoners but he will have after all those who are sentenced to other institutions are taken away 102 prisoners to turn over to Sheriff Johns.

A large Christmas dinner will be served to between 130 and 140 inmates of the County Home tomorrow.

THOMPSON'S GIFT.

Presents Bank and Skyscraper Employes With Turkeys and Trimmings.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 26.—Josiah V. Thompson surprised all the employes of his bank and skyscraper yesterday morning by presenting them with large turkeys and all the trimmings for a big Christmas dinner.

No intimation was made of Mr. Thompson presenting the employes with any gift, and yesterday morning when they were called into receive the big baskets that had been neatly prepared for them there was general surprise. There are a large number of employes about the bank.

MARRIED AT UNIONTOWN.

Miss Walters and Mr. Rankin Wedded at Baptist Church.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—A fashionable wedding this morning was that of Miss Ida Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Walters, to Thomas A. Rankin, of Chatham, Canada. The ceremony took place in the Great Bethel Baptist Church and was solemnized by Rev. J. S. Bromley. Ralph Hickman was groomsman and Miss Anna Walters, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. S. R. Shelby, Chas. S. Van Swearingen, Floyd Brownfield and Carl Areford were ushers. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Canada.

From Naomi to Darr.

Some of the victims of the Darr mine, it is said at Belle Vernon, are former miners at Naomi, who were thrown out of work by the explosion here.

For the strong—that they may keep their strength.
For the weak—that they may regain their strength.
For the young that they may grow in strength.
Uneeda Biscuit
the most nutritious food made from wheat.
Clean, crisp and fresh.
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CATHOLIC MARRIAGES

After the Easter of 1908 All Elopements Are Barred.

LAW LAID DOWN BY CHURCH.

The New Ruling, However, Will Not Be Retroactive and Does Not Affect Marriages Already Contracted in Other Conditions.

After Easter, 1908, members of the Roman Catholic church cannot elope marry and have their union recognized by the church. Marriages contracted before the civil authorities never were favored by the church, and the clergy has for a long time been up in arms against such marriages, although their legality was never disputed.

A recent encyclical, coming from Rome, and which will go into effect after Easter, brands as null and void, in the eyes of the church, any marriage that is not duly celebrated in the presence of a duly qualified priest and two witnesses. The same is true of any marriage in which either of the parties is, or has been, a Catholic.

Up to this time, when a Catholic in these countries, in defiance of the law of the church, has been married either in a Protestant church, or in a registry office, the church held the marriage to be sinful and sacrilegious, and the parties guilty of grievous sin; but at the same time recognized the marriage so far to be valid and binding, and the parties to be truly man and wife. After Easter next, such marriages in Protestant churches or in registry offices will be for Catholics not only sinful, but invalid, and the persons contracting them will have merely gone through an empty ceremony and will be no more man and wife than they had been before in the eyes of the church.

But on the other hand, it does not affect those who are not, and never have been, Catholics. Consequently, Protestants and non-Catholics generally are outside its scope, and the marriages of such in their churches, or conventicles, or registry offices, are recognized by the Catholic church, all things else permitting, as real, true marriages.

Another point is that the church for the future will recognize no sponsalia, or betrothal, as having canonical effect unless it has been made in writing and signed by both parties and by the parish priest or the bishop, or at least in the presence of two witnesses.

Such will be the requirements of the church for the valid reception of the sacrament of matrimony. The new law, however, is not retroactive and does not touch marriages made in other conditions before this time.

PIONEER DEAD.

Hugh Farmer, Who Was an Old Resident of Tyrone Township.

Hugh Farmer, a pioneer of the Morgan Valley, died on Thursday last and was buried on Sunday afternoon. Interment was at Bethel cemetery, near Dawson. He is survived by two sons, Clark, of Owensdale, and Albert, of Connellsville, and by two daughters, Miss Emma Farmer, of McKeesport, and Mrs. Martha M. Moermyer of Irwin.

Mr. Farmer was aged 78 years. He had lived in the Morgan Valley all his life and was highly respected by those who knew him.

Stab May Be Fatal.

Edward Neff was stabbed in a fight in front of the Merchant's Hotel at Greensburg Wednesday and may die of the wound.

The Weekly Courier $1.50 a year.

DICK RYAN TREASURER.

He With Other Colonial Employes Go to New Soisson.

D. Ryan, for several years connected with the Colonial Theatre and who the past two seasons has acted as treasurer, has been appointed treasurer of the New Soisson Theatre by Manager Fred Robbins. Dick has been popular with theatre patrons at all times and success is predicted for him. At all times diplomatic and accommodating he has won many friends.

Other employes of the Colonial who have been appointed on the staff of the New Soisson are Frank Powers, stage manager; and Ralph S. Morton, in charge of the ushers.

ON THE MARKET.

There Are 739,315 Unmarried Males in Pennsylvania Who Are Eligible Leap Year.

HARRISBURG, Pa., December 26.—Records of the State Health Department show that 59,327 marriages were performed in Pennsylvania during the year 1906. The number of unmarried males of marriageable age in this State during that period was approximately 937,630. During the same time there were 739,315 unmarried females of marriageable age.

The average age of brides in Pennsylvania in 1906 was 24.5 and of grooms 26.4. The number of first marriages was brides 55,767 and grooms 51,937. The greatest number of marriages contracted in any single month was in June and the least number in March.

The fact that marriages may be contracted in several of the States immediately adjoining Pennsylvania without the formality of licenses attracts numerous persons, with the result that many records of marriage of residents are lost to the State's statistics.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We Are Agents for Parisian Sage and We Know the Guarantee is Genuine.

Parisian Sage, the quick acting hair restorer, is guaranteed
To stop falling hair
To cure Dandruff
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To put life into faded hair
To make harsh hair soft and luxuriant:
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What Parisian Sage did for Chas. S. Baker it will do for you Had the following:

"I was so bald and such a shining mark for my friends that I, as a last resort, tried your Parisian Sage after trying several bottles of the highly advertised and high-priced so-called hair restorers, and I am glad to say I now have a heavy growth of new hair. I am now 44 years old and I have a heavy growth of new hair after carrying my shining mark for over seven years I gladly recommend Parisian Sage to all afflicted with baldness." Charles S. Baker 491 Main street, East, Rochester, N. Y.

It is the most delightful hair dressing made, and is a great favorite with ladies who desire beautiful and luxuriant hair Price, 50 cents a bottle at A. A. Clarke's, Connellsville, or by mail, charges prepaid, from Giroux Mfg Co., Buffalo N. Y. 2

DEADLY DYNAMITE.

Dorothy Man Blows Himself Up in Celebration.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec 26.—Paul Caril, who is employed at Dorothy works, near Latrobe, was blown to atoms Tuesday at midnight while trying to celebrate the advent of Christmas.

He ran a wire from a telephone battery in a foreign boarding house to some dynamite in a can. The explosive was prematurely set off.

DONATION OF $35,000

Carnegie Hero Commission Gives Big Sum to Monongah Sufferers.

SIMILAR ACTION AT DARR.

Families There Will Receive Financial Aid From Hero Commission After an Investigation is Made by Officials.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission yesterday made a donation of $35,000 to the fund for the relief of the families of miners killed in the Monongah disaster. It is empowered to do this by a clause in Mr Carnegie's deed of trust, establishing the Commission, which provides that when there is on hand more money than is required for rewarding heroes, help may be given to persons made needy by disasters.

F. M. Wilmot, Secretary of the Commission, spent two days at Monongah and Fairmont, W. Va., investigating the needs of the families of victims of the mine disaster. His report was read yesterday at a special meeting of the Commission, called to act on it. The award of $35,000 to the relief fund was promptly recommended. The money will be sent to the Permanent Relief Committee, composed of leading citizens of Monongah and Fairmont, for distribution.

The Jacobs Creek mine disaster will also be thoroughly investigated by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. It is likely that a report on it will be obtained in time for action at the annual meeting of the Commission on January 15 next.

ROLAND MISSING.

Brother of Proprietor of Haas Hotel Has Been Gone Four Weeks.

John Roland, for many years boss hauler at Davidson works, is mysteriously missing and his brother, Michael Roland, proprietor of the Haas Hotel, is making every effort to locate him. Roland left Connellsville about four weeks ago, and it was supposed that he was going in search of work at one of the mines near Connellsville, the slowing down of work at Davidson having thrown him out of a position.

His brother has learned that he went to Banning, where his satchel was found in a hotel office. At the hotel it was learned that Roland left his satchel there, walked out and had never returned. It is thought by some that he may have gone to work at Darr mines, but there is no record of him there.

DARR MINE BENEFIT.

J. L. Rodrigues Arranging for One at New Soisson Theatre.

J. L. Rodrigues is arranging for a benefit musical to be given for the families of the Darr mine victims The date for which has not yet been set. Fred Robbins, manager of the Soisson Theatre, has kindly donated the use of the house for that evening and a special meeting will be held Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building when final arrangements will be made.

Mr. Rodrigues extends a pressing invitation to all persons desiring to take part in the benefit to be present Monday evening.

Murder for a Drink.

Ivan Sestrick, it is alleged, swept a knife across the abdomen of Mike Skomer, almost disemboweling him, when refused to buy him a bottle of wine at Frugality, near Johnstown. Sestrick was arrested.

PERSONAL NOTIFICATIOF JURORS IMPORTANUESTION.

Tioga County Sheriff Refused Fees irt Wants to Know General System in Vogate.

JACK GALLAGHER DEAD.

Coke Man and Once a Reporter on The Courier.

John M. Gallagher died near Ford City yesterday of pnuemonia after a brief illness, aged 46 years. He was a member of The Courier editorial staff in the early days of its career, and was well known to the older citizens of Connellsville as "Jack" Gallagher.

In his later years he forsook journalism and was engaged in the management of industrial enterprises, being for a time Superintendent of Leisenring No. 3 coke plant. He was developing on his own account a timber tract near Dubois when he contracted pneumonia through exposure. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of his son-in-law, Alex Eicher, Jr., of Greensburg.

MANY DINNERS

Served by the Salvation Army to the Poor and the Sick Also Generously Remembered.

Seventy-five persons were fed Wednesday at the Salvation Army barracks on South Pittsburg street by the local corps, and dinners were sent out to 25 homes where members were unable to be present at the Barracks on account of sickness. The public contributed generously and there was full and plenty for every person who attended. The Christian Church donated provisions, dressed dolls and scrap books, while a retiring offering, taken up last Sunday evening at the close of the services at the First Baptist Church, was turned over toward the dinner. A number of newsboys were present.

Wednesday an entertainment was held at the barracks and was attended by over 150 persons. J. A. Eby, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave a stereoptican lecture the subject of which was "In His Steps," or What Would Jesus Do. As the pictures were being illustrated Miss Elizabeth Mae Brown sang "The Holy City." Mrs Fred DeRoche of South Connellsville sang "Where Is My Wondering Boy Tonight," and "Ninety and Nine." At the close of the program the children present were given candy and toys.

FORGED PASS

Lands Joseph Hetrick, Former Telegraph Operator, in Jail.

Joseph Hetrick, formerly employed as a telegraph operator in Connellsville was arrested at Grafton, W. Va., and brought back to Fayette county to answer a charge of forging a telegraph pass on the B. & O. railroad.

He was taken to Uniontown and lodged in jail by Chief of Police W. A. Metzler.

Child Killed in Mill.

Arthur, 12 year old son of Mr and Mrs. Charles Stanton of Stanton Mills, Somerset county, was caught in the machinery at the mill and killed while his parents were shopping in Rockwood.

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I am Lewis, the Family Liquor Man.
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And I know what good liquor is.
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2 quarts D. J. Lewis' Special Rye — 2 quar
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Lots of people wait until the last minute and then bu. Don't do that.
Sit right down now while there is plenty of time and I will ship it the next day after your letter reaches me.
Address me just like this:
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PERMANENT RELIEF COMMITTEE NAMED

For Darr Mine Victims With Mayor Guthrie at the Head.

BURGESS SOISSON IS A MEMBER

With Many Other Prominent Men. Much Was Accomplished at a Meeting Held in Pittsburg Thursday John B. Jackson is Treasurer.

Mayor George W Guthrie of Pittsburg, at a meeting Thursday in the office of the Pittsburg Coal Company was elected chairman of a permanent relief committee to assist the miners and their families suffering from the recent explosion at the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company The first general meeting of the committee will be held at 2 30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon in Mayor Guthrie's office when plans for the relief work will be completed and an executive committee appointed to look after it.

The permanent committee however, will begin work at once and all persons are requested to send their contributions to John B Jackson, President of the Fidelity Title & Trust Company, who has been elected treasurer of the committee

Mayor W H Coleman of McKeesport presided at the meeting yesterday Those who attended were Mayor Guthrie Burgess A D Soisson of Connellsville, Frank Feehan, president and James Clark vice president of District No 5 United Mine Workers of America B P Wallace president of Merchants Association of Connellsville Le Baron Jules Farnemisa, Hungarian Consul in this district, and representatives of the Pittsburg Coal Company The coal company is doing everything possible to assist the committee in its work.

Mayor Guthrie was elected chairman, Mayor Coleman, temporary secretary and Mr Jackson treasurer A permanent secretary will be elected at the next meeting A resolution was adopted requesting the following to become members of the general committee H D English president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce, Oliver McClintock Pittsburg, R G Hall President of the Pittsburg Stock Exchange, Mr Jackson Thomas Lynch President of the H C Frick Coke Company Arthur E Ireland President of the Iron City Trades Council P J McArdle President of the Amalgamated Association of Iron Steel and Tin Workers W C Schaffmeyer president of McKeesport Councils, J V Thompson of Uniontown and J R Stauffer of Scottdale.

Since the explosion occurred at the Darr mine much provision and large sums of money have been sent there for distribution The work of the general relief committee will be to take charge of all contributions and see that they are equally divided The executive committee to be appointed next Thursday will communicate with the various relief committees that have been appointed in the different cities and towns and a general call will be sent out for money and provisions

Mayor Guthrie is expected to make a statement outlining the work the committee Illinois coal miners will add $1000 to the fund being raised for the sufferers from the Darr disaster A check has been received as a Christmas offering from the Illinois association and will be received today by President Frank Hayes of the United Mine Workers.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

Officers of Laurel Lodge Elected December 2, Take Charge

UNIONTOWN Dec 24—The officers of Laurel Lodge F & A M were elected several weeks ago were installed at the lodge rooms on Friday evening The new officers are

C O LaClair Worshipful Master J Searight Marshall Senior Warden Henderson Steele Junior Warden S Dumbauld Secretary Fogg Treasurer Mr Dumbauld Representative to the Grand Lodge The Trustees were not installed

HIT BY CAR.

Carlton Bosley, Aged Eight Years, Struck Near Brookvale

Carlton Bosley aged eight years son of Mr and Mrs C Bosley New Haven was struck by a Pittsburg street car Thursday afternoon near Brookvale He has a fractured wound as the result of the accident

The injured boy was taken to his home on Eleventh street New Haven Dr B Edie was summoned to the place and his head required several stitches

MARRYING PREACHER

Rev Jacob M Yingling Married More Than 1,000 Couples at Camden

Rev Jacob M Yingling for many years was stationed in Connellsville where he was known as the Marrying Preacher died Thursday at Laurel Delaware where he had a pastorate at Camden and had married more than 1 000 couples, many of them being from Western Pennsylvania and many from Connellsville

Divorce Granted

A divorce was granted in the case of Harry H Hurst against Blanche C. Hurst. Both parties are from Brownsville The charge was desertion.

PRETTY WEDDING

At Morgantown at Which Connellsville People Were Attendants.

A very pretty home wedding was that of Miss Mary Jane Evans and Phillip J Davies, which was solemnized on Christmas day at the home of the bride on Forrest avenue, Morgantown, W Va. Rev Quick, pastor of the Church of Christ officiated Mrs Llewelyn Evans of Morgantown, was matron of honor Misses M Davies, Elizabth Evans of Morgantown Margaret Percy and Katherine McPartland of Connellsville were bridesmaids and Elvira Williams and Lillie Evans the bride's nieces were flower girls The bride was given in marriage by her brother, John B Evans David Davies, the groom's brother was best man The ushers were W H Webber Llewlyn Williams, Griffith Thomas and Thomas B Williams

The bride wore a beautiful gown over white silk, trimmed with applique and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and brides roses Her maids wore white Persian lawn gowns trimmed with baby Irish lace The ceremony was followed by a large reception at which a large number of friends were present The hours were from 8 until 10 o'clock The bride resided in South Connellsville for several years and has a host of friends here The groom is a roller at the Sabraton Tin Plate Mill at Morgantown

HUFF A CANDIDATE.

Greensburg Congressman will Seek Renomination Over Nominee Put Up in Butler County.

Congressman George F Huff of Greensburg will be a candidate to succeed himself in the Westmoreland Butler district, despite the rotation agreement which would have given Butler county the honor this year without a contest While Congressman Huff has made no public announcement of his decision to try to hold his seat, such word has been brought to his Pittsburg friends Preparations for a strong campaign in Colonel Huff's interests are under way

Butler county Republicans have been eagerly awaiting some word from Mr Huff They have insisted that he should stand by the rotation agreement made two years ago, not withstanding that the uniform primaries act opens the doors for any number of candidates With Mr Huff an avowed candidate for re-election Butler county can do nothing but fight the issue out at the primaries

Friends of Colonel Huff justify his decision in the claim that the uniform primaries act abrogates all rotation agreements Butler Republicans do not accept this view It is possible Colonel Huff will have opposition from his own county With the bars thrown down several other candidates are expected to announce themselves shortly after New Year's E E Robbins an old time opponent of Colonel Huff it is believed will again don his armor and try to compass Huff's defeat Westmoreland county has a majority which Butler county will find hard to overcome with a candidate within its own borders

Gas Plant to be Sold

Notice has been published that the plant of the Connellsville & New Haven Gas and Water Company will be offered for sale the coming month The controlling interest in the company is now held by the West Penn Electric Company Very little artificial gas is now used in Connellsville and New Haven

DANCE ON THE BOSS.

How Martin Bolda Got the Worst of It at Celebration Friday.

HIS RIBS ARE SMASHED.

Reported That Bolda Was Disorderly and Boarders Had to Hold Him Down, but the Next Day None of Them Could Tell Why.

Martin Bolda, a Dutch Bottom boarding boss, was transformed into a temporary platform while a dozen or so foreigners danced a war dance on him early Friday morning The excitement followed an all night celebration Shortly after dawn Dr H J Coll was summoned to the place and found Martin down on the floor, seriously injured

All the boarders had disappeared When they returned none could say why the indignity had been heaped on the unfortunate boss A mere shrug of the shoulders was the only answer they gave

It seems that when the dance was on and joy unconfined Bolda got disorderly and needed holding down In holding him to the floor It was necessary to do the war dance and can on his unfortunate slats

Martin is rather seriously injured as a result of his experience The matter has created considerable comment in Dutch Bottom Martin's place has been visited by the police occasionally to quell minor disturbances Some months ago Martin appeared at City Hall to get a license for a dog.

MAYOR IN TIGHTS MAKES A BIG HIT.

Plays Star Part in Charity Burlesque for New Year's Celebration.

CHARMS LOTS OF SNAKES

And Performs Other Stunts Which Sets the Spectators Wild—Prominent Citizens Are Participants in "A Lemon from the Garden of Love."

MONONGAHELA, Pa, Dec 28—Imagine the Mayor of a town wearing short skirts and tights why er—the flesh tinted make up of a coryphee and while doing a light terpsichorean stunt to the notes of tra la la la la tra la la la! Mayor R L Ellwood, Chief Magistrate of Monongahela Thursday night impersonated Little Eva and Mme Boscosnakus in the burlesque entitled, A Lemon from the Garden of Love'

The skit was produced for the first time by Mayor Ellwood and a number of other prominent men in his ball wick on Thursday night and last night, after vegetables had been removed from the scenery the piece was repeated The whole town went hysterical over the performance and the Mayor's neat fitting tights ballet dress and peroxide wig

He charmed a snake for the amusement of some three hundred persons who assembled at the Monongahela opera house at each performance and proved himself the real squeeze in the play also his ability to dodge the real genuine Sicilian article which was good naturedly shied at him by his friends in the gallery

The Lemon from the Garden of Love was presented in order to raise funds for the big public New Year's celebration to be held in Monongahela Every big official of the town including Mayor Ellwood former Mayor Bentley Squire Collins and the rest of the moguls were subpoenaed to appear at the opera house Thursday and Friday nights Mayor Ellwood was game and arrived at the dressing room on time He was provided with all the stage makeup of a burlesque ballet queen The official supporters of the dancer did some peculiar stunts and it was impossible for him to make them hold the boards after the real lemons parsnips and other mellow vegetables were in serious danger of dropping from the gallery

Mayor Ellwood was at first introduced as that dainty little miss who charms great snakes" He juggled a big rattler on his eyebrow then with a tra la la" he hung the pseudo reptile on the tree in the garden of evening' Then Hon Charles A Bentley done up as a blue gummed nigger from Puckety Creek bit the rattler off the snake The audience were not in the least alarmed The audience declared that Washington county had local option for a number of years and they know a thing or two about snakes

After Mme Boscosnakus had performed her dancing and snake act she received an encore that sounded like a payday in a real chorus girls room Squire Collins repeated his success of one hundred and thirty seasons and sung Goodby Mr Greenback

Samuel Yohe sang He's a Lemon and William Robinson impersonated a Zulu chief while other members of the unique theatrical organization did the human monkey act Several young women of the town who participated in the entertainment sang On the Square"

Mayor Ellwood said last night that the tights that he wore came from White Plains N Y Possibly they belong to Billy Muldoon the wrestler for the Mayor tips the beam at 220

Everybody had a laughable time at both entertainments and there was not even a voice of criticism made by the few spinsters that Monongahela contains

NEW BLOCK SYSTEM

B & O Has Installed It Between Pittsburg and McKeesport

The Baltimore & Ohio has about completed the installation of the block signal system on the new four track system between Pittsburg and McKeesport at a cost of more than $150 000 This work was started about three months ago and marks the completion of the new track work to McKeesport which was started about four years ago and has cost in the neighborhood of $3 000 000

New Block stations have been erected at five of the more important points along the new line

MISS STIMMELL DEAD.

Well Known Old Resident of Town Expired this Morning

Miss Elma Stimmell aged 67 died Saturday morning at the home of her nephew James Heflich No 412 East Main street after a long illness Miss Stimmell was born in Connellsville and lived here all her life She was a member of the Methodist Protestant church and enjoyed a wide acquaintance especially among the older residents of Connellsville

Smock Foreigner Kills Himself

Joe Machulak aged about 17 years shot himself in the stomach Thursday afternoon and died shortly after being brought to the Uniontown hospital

BLOODY BATTLE

Of Foreigners May Result in the Death of Three of Them.

GREENSBURG Dec 27—The dead body of Jim Yabaggy, an Italian found yesterday morning in a ditch at Crabtree near here brought to light a Christmas tragedy Two other foreigners will probably die from stiletto wounds

Yabaggy with Mike Cudosh and Joe Kisiock intoxicated it is said passing the house of Joe Pastor a foreigner when music attracted them and they entered The three it is said insisted upon dancing with the women

The men were ejected and a fight ensued A stiletto was plunged into Yabaggy's breast He walked 100 yards and fell dead Cudosh was stabbed in the chest and walked two miles to his home in Salemville, where he is thought to be dying With wounds in his side and back Kisiuock reached his home in Crabtree, probably mortally wounded

State Police arrested Joe and Andy Pastor John Kandra and Joe and Steve Varone John Balaugh who is supposed to have stabbed Yabaggy has not been found

CINDERELLA DANCE.

Third of Series Attended by About 100 Guests in Markell Hall Friday Evening

Markell's hall was the scene of a delightful dance on Friday evening when the third of a series of Cinderella dances was given under the committeeship of Mrs Herbert Knox chairman Mrs L H Conklin Miss Edith Davidson Miss Eleanor Hugus and Miss Sarah Long The affair was the first formal and program dance of the series and was attended by 180 guests including many of the college set who are home for the holidays

The decorations were in keeping with the Yuletide season and the spacious hall being attractive with festoonings of Christmas greens Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and was kept up until 2 o'clock Music was furnished by Biferle's orchestra Miss Irene Husband of Mt Pleasant Miss Belle Clarke and Miss Kathryn Law of East End Pittsburg the guests of Mrs J F McCormick were among the out of town guests present

EMINENT DOMAIN UPHELD.

Court Approves Trolley Company's Condemnation at Irwin

IRWIN Pa December 28—The first action by a trolley company to condemn property under the right of eminent domain was decided by Judge McConnell in its favor

The Pittsburg & Westmoreland Railway Company wanted a small strip of land just outside this borough owned by Thomas Irwin He asked $5 000 which the company claimed exorbitant The corporation condemned the property offering bond to cover whatever damage a board of viewers might fix

The court held that only two questions were involved the right to condemn and sufficiency of the bond The owner fixed his damages at $5 900 but on cross examination said his property would not be of less value after the line is built than it is at present The bond was fixed at $1 000 and approved by the court

The company this morning started operations on the right of way involved in order to extend the line to the borough limits

New Schedule January Fifth

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will put out a new schedule on January 5

TWO SUSPECTS HELD.

Jno. Stanley and Jno. Abrams Accused of the Yauger Robbery.

EVIDENCE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL.

Against Them, But the Officers Claim to Have Some Important Links That May Connect Them With the Robbery at Percy

UNIONTOWN Dec 28—In their efforts to direct suspicion elsewhere former Constable John Stanley and John Abrams fell into the clutches of the law yesterday afternoon and are being held as suspects It is believed that these are the two men who broke into the home of Mr and Mrs William Yauger near Percy night before last and robbed them of $2 000

The arrests were among the quickest on record Yesterday morning County Detective Alex McBeth and Constable Andy Bowie went to the scene of the robbery Neighbors reported the alleged suspicious actions of Stanley and Adams During the night they said the men awakened the neighborhood by firing several shots Their explanation was that burglars attempted to enter their house Stanley who lives in Connellsville was staying with Abrams a widower that night

Yauger is an uncle of Abrams and the officers are inclined to think the proof against the suspected men is sufficient to hold them They were arrested by County Detective McBeth in Uniontown yesterday afternoon

IS NO FIRE ALARM.

Scottdale Will Be in Serious Situation From Shut Down

OF THE FURNACE SOON.

Whistle Was Attached to the Boilers and New Plant Will Be Built—Will Be Enlarged Greatly

SCOTTDALE Dec 25—With the closing down of the Scottdale furnace of Corrigan McKinney & Company by reason of the falling of the hang that tore out a side of the stack and entirely ruined it the borough is up against a serious proposition in regard to the Volunteer Fire Department and there may be put in the town an electrical system of fire alarm, something along the lines of Connellsville's system The furnace will be rebuilt but the boilers are to be put out of commission for awhile and it is said with the furnace boilers closed down there will be no other place available to attach the siren whistle that has blown the alarm on the furnace for some years As the furnace ran night and day it was the best place in town for such an alarm The steel mills being closed down now puts them out of calculation of having the alarm placed on them at present but the pipe mill boilers may be pressed into service to install the whistle alarm The pipe mill people will be interviewed this week

That an almost entirely new furnace will be built at Scottdale is now an assured fact according to information gained from inside sources It is known that the intention is unless something unforseen at present should intervene to put up a first class modern blast furnace here All the plans have been drawn for one of about 350 to 400 tons daily capacity, which will be new except the boilers and stoves It will also cover more ground than the old one While it is being built a large number of men are being returned here to aid in that work and it is said the six or eight months will be needed to get the new plant up and started W B Iverhart the superintendent who is a very successful furnace man who has gained a high position in the regard of his workmen and the people with whom he has become acquainted is deeply interested in Scottdale and will endeavor to get the largest possible plant that may be located here The record of this furnace in the past is such that the owners consider Scottdale an advantageous place

There was a turkey and chicken shoot held up at the Ore Mines on Wednesday and a lot of Scottdale's gunsmen were up with their trusty weapons Among them were Constable Joseph Hefflefinger the veteran Harry White H H Knipple and Bert Kelly The four secured 16 pieces of game in the shoot White and Abe Stauffer tied twice in shooting for a turkey and finally Stauffer won by a hair breadth

THIEVES AT DUNBAR.

Three Houses Were Entered on Sunday Evening, But Nothing of Value Was Secured

DUNBAR Dec 24—Robbers made their appearance in Dunbar again on Sunday evening in the expectation of finding a fine Christmas haul They entered the homes of Andrew Wishart the baker Squire A C Duncan and George Wilson who is employed in the meat shop of Smith Brothers All the houses entered are on Railroad street At the home of Andrew Wishart the thieves gained entrance by prying open a window in the kitchen After getting in they could go no further on account of the door between the sitting room and the kitchen being locked Matches were strewn all over the floor

After ransacking the kitchen the robbers left going to the home of Geo Wilson a few doors below They got in a back window They were scared away and in leaving one of the parties left his overcoat From there it is thought they went to the residence of Squire A C Duncan Nothing of any consequence was secured By one of the thieves leaving his overcoat it is thought a clue may be obtained

Howl I Cured Sweeny and Fistula

I want to tell you how I saved one of our horses that had a fistula We had the horse doctor out and he said it was so bad that he did not think he could cure it and did not come again Then we tried Sloan's Liniment and it cured it up nicely

One day last spring I was plowing for a neighbor who had a horse with sweeny and I told him about Sloan's Liniment and he had me get a bottle for him and it cured his horse all right and he goes off now like a colt

We had a horse that had sweeny awfully bad and we thought it was never going to be any good but we used Sloan's Liniment and it cured it up nicely I told another neighbor about it and he said it was the best liniment he ever used

We are using Sloan's Sure Colic Cure and we think it is all right

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Child Dies in Flames

The three months old child of Mr and Mrs. Andrew Durbeck of Export was burned to death in the fire that consumed their home



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HOME WEDDING

Of Miss Maude Katharyn Jennings and James H Kunkle

Miss Maude Katharyn Jennings and James H Kunkle of Morgantown were quietly married Thursday afternoon at the home of the groom's parents Mr and Mrs W C Kunkle at Morgantown Dr C K Jennes officiated

After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Kunkle left for Pittsburg where they will reside The bride is the daughter of Mrs Rhoda Bloom of Morgantown and is well known here having been at one time stenographer for the West Penn Railways Company

Died Alone

Miss Alcinda Thompson who was widely known among the people of Union town died suddenly at her home on West Church street Uniontown some time Saturday after body was not found until yesterday Miss Thompson was 60 years old and for some time conducted a private school at Uniontown

MAKES LIFE MISERABLE.

Troubles That Keep Half the Connellsville Doctors Busy

For the sake of your personal welfare, just think a moment about the process of digestion, food

There are certain secretions called gastric juices that act upon the food after it is swallowed and change all the nutrition in it into life giving blood

Anything that interferes with the secretion of these juices causes indigestion and makes a chronic state of stomach weakness inevitable

From now on build up the strength and health of the stomach with Mi-o-na tablets You will soon find yourself strong and never know the meaning of indigestion

Half of the prescriptions the Connellsville doctors write are for troubles that result directly from a weak acid stomach Strengthen the stomach muscles increase the secretion of gastric juices and you will find that common afflictions—indigestion, with its headaches dizziness depression of spirits spots before the eyes nervousness sleeplessness and general debility—have been overcome

If Mi-o-na did not have an unusually curative effect in stomach disorders it could not be sold on the guarantee given by A A Clarke to refund the money unless it does all that is claimed for it He gives an absolute unqualified guarantee with every 50-cent box of Mi-o-na that the money will be refunded unless the medicine cures He takes the whole risk, and you certainly can afford to get Mi-o-na from him on this plan 9

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FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Councilman Tedrow Secures a Location for Scottdale's Fire Whistle

ON THE SHEET MILL BUILDING.

Closing of Furnace Made Serious Problem Although Superintendent Everhart Kept Special Boiler On. Other Notes

SCOTTDALE Dec 28—Since the recent destruction of the Scottdale furnace by the falling of a monster hang has necessitate the building of a chimney now and larger plans and a blowing out of the furnace boilers that construction work may begin John G Tedrow chairman of the Fire and Water Committee of Town Council has been busy securing a place to attach the siren whistle that sounds the alarms of Scottdale's fire For a couple of years the furnace has taken care of this and after being ready to shut off the boilers several days ago Superintendent W B Everhart very obligingly and at considerable expense maintained the boilers so that the town would not be without its alarm Otherwise it would have been entirely at the mercy of any fire Mr Tedrow completed arrangements Friday with the local representative of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company who have kindly offered the service of their boiler plant and the whistle will be transferred there where steam will be kept up Mr Tedrow has also instructed the Bell telephone and the Tri State Telephone Companies to each install an instrument at the boiler house of the sheet plant, as there is no one in the mill office at night Thus any alarm of fire should be telephoned in to the telephone centrals giving them the location of the fire and the number of the nearest plug and they will notify the ones having charge of the whistle The arrangements made by Councilman Tedrow will make the people of the town feel much easier than when it looked as if they would be wholly without a fire alarm

Benjamin Campbell Stricken

UNIONTOWN Dec 27—Benjamin Campbell a brother of former Judge Edward Campbell was stricken this morning with paralysis and is in a serious condition. He is 73 years old and has for years been a well known resident here



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THE PROBLEM OF SAFEGUARDING THE MINES.

The recent series of disastrous mine explosions have aroused an active interest in the problem of devising the safest as well as the best methods of coal mining; and the remedies offered for the present defects promise to be more numerous than practical. There can, however, be no harm in a full and free investigation and discussion of them. It is evident that we have not arrived at a perfect system of appliances and practises, in spite of the fact that the operators, especially those in the Connellsville coke region, have been for the most part active and unceasing in their efforts to improve their practise in the direction of safety as well as economy.

In spite of the evident progress that has been made along this line, statistics show that the proportion of fatal mine accidents are greater in this country than in any other. The less percentage in the mines of England and Europe is due to the greater precautions employed. In Belgium, for example, where the mines are deeper and more dangerous than here, the regulations are very stringent. Nobody is permitted to enter the mines until he is thoroughly searched and matches and other contraband articles are taken from him. Guards are stationed at every entrance and every exit, and those who go in are checked as they come out, so that the management at all times has a correct roster of all the people in the pit. There are also frequent inside inspections to insure the good condition of the safety lamps employed exclusively in the mines. The government regulates the mines with much more severity than President Roosevelt ever suggested regarding the railroads of this country. Tests of all kinds are constantly made by government experts, and the results of these tests are communicated to the coal operators with such suggestions, mandatory or otherwise, which are deemed necessary to safe mining.

The Courier has hitherto offered the suggestion that the recent mine disasters in this section of Western Pennsylvania and at Monongah, W. Va., and Yolande, Ala., may be found to be due to explosions of fine coal dust, largely incident to the operation of mining machines, intermixed with small quantities of fire-damp or marsh gas. Experts tell us that so small a proportion as 1½ per cent. of gas combined with coal dust will explode with terrific force; that less than 2 per cent. of gas may not be detected by the ordinary safety lamp; and that it requires from 5½ to 6 per cent. of gas without admixture of dust to explode. William Griffith, a Scranton mine expert, says:

> More or less gas exists in nearly all coal mines. Is it not probable, therefore, that the terrible explosions in so-called non-gaseous mines have been caused by the mixture of gas and dust, though the quantity of gas is normally so small that the instruments in the mines are not delicate enough to detect its presence? The officials have therefore felt secure in the idea that their mines were absolutely free from gas, giving little thought to the possibility of an explosion occurring quickly through sudden or unusual outbursts of gas, or owing to atmospheric or other conditions favorable to the increase in the percentage of gas above the normal, thus producing with coal dust present a condition favorable to a terrible explosion. Such a condition, instead of being local, is likely to prevail through the whole mine, thus allowing an accumulation sufficient to duce an explosion of exceptionally severe character.
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> The margin between the non-detectable gas and the explosive mixture is mighty small, particularly with the dust present. In my judgment, therefore, many of the explosions which have been credited to coal dust pure and simple were really gas explosions with dust present which might not have occurred had there been less gas.
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> The only remedy is for the mine officers to keep well informed through the frequent use of instruments of small percentages of gas, and to increase the factor of safety by providing more air in the ventilation and copiously sprinkling the roadways of the mine.

This is in line with the suggestions of The Courier. It is well known among miners and others that many of the mines pronounced non-gaseous, in which open lights are permitted by the inspectors, have numerous pockets of gas which from time to time ignite, burning men and mules in the pit. The quantities of gas are so small that a good system of ventilation ordinarily carries them away and makes them harmless; but even this small quantity of gas, in a very dry and dusty mine, presents the possibility of that fatal combination which deals out death to hundreds in the twinkling of an eye.

Spraying the dust with water is one of the principal safeguards against disaster that has been suggested, but [illegible] electric wires [illegible] with [illegible]

A TAX EXPERIMENT WORTH A TRIAL.

The proposition of The Courier to amend the assessment law to make it read that assessments shall be made, not at the "actual value," but at a certain fixed percentage of the actual value, following the universal custom which has obtained by common consent during the past fifty years or more, seems to the Johnstown Democrat to be of doubtful wisdom. It says:

> But would a change in the law in this respect cure the evil? Would it even modify it? We think not. If the law required property to be assessed at 50 per cent. or 75 per cent. instead of 100 per cent. of its fair cash value it is reasonably certain that the same discrimination which now obtains would continue. The fault lies in public opinion rather than in the law. If public opinion were thoroughly aroused to the essential villainy of favoritism in assessments the present iniquities would soon disappear. The assessor is to-day sustained by public opinion in assessing a thousand dollars' worth of house and lot at least 50 per cent. higher than a thousand dollars' worth of vacant lot and he is likewise sustained in assessing the little home on a relatively higher basis than the stately residence, the great business block or the huge mill. It really doesn't make any difference on what percentage basis of valuation assessments are made. If they were based on 30 per cent. or even 5 per cent. of the actual value there would be no departure from the spirit and the intent of the law and no injustice if the assessments were honestly made without discriminating in favor of certain property at the expense of certain other property.

It is impossible to enact any legislation that will insure absolutely just valuations and unfailing equitable taxation; but the suggestion of The Courier would, we think, bring about a vast improvement in present conditions, for the simple reason that it will permit the assessors to reconcile the custom with the law and encourage them to execute the law with more regard to its letter than they can possibly do now. It will provide a general rule for making valuations, instead of leaving that wholly to local establishment, thereby creating as many rules as there are towns and townships in the State.

For example, the Westmoreland County School Directors' Association finds that, under the existing custom, real estate is assessed in that county anywhere between 10 and 80 per cent. of its actual value. The percentage varies not only in different towns and townships, but also upon different classes of property; and, what seems most deplorable, the real estate of the rich is as a rule assessed at the lowest rates and the humble homes of the poor at the highest percentage of their actual value.

Once in a great while, the people elect an assessor who cannot reconcile the custom with the law, and he proceeds to make a strictly lawful assessment with the result that many valuations are doubled and some trebled while all are most unsatisfactory to the owners of the real estate; and justly so, because their neighbors, who are assessed under the custom, pay an average of only half as much proportionately in county taxes as they would have to do if their assessments stood.

But they never stand. The County Commissioners revise them and reduce them to the status of their neighbors. The assessor who tries to enforce the law is universally execrated. He seldom attempts it more than once. Custom rules supreme; the law is impossible of enforcement unless it adapts itself to custom.

In the latter case, we may reasonably hope that a greater effort will be made by both assessors and Commissioners to follow the strict letter of the law, since it will not be so difficult to do; and, in any event, our last condition cannot be a whit worse than our first.

We submit that the experiment, if so it may be regarded by the skeptical, is worth a trial.

THE PROPOSED SPECIAL TAX ON COAL.

The proposition to levy a direct State tax on coal will doubtless come up in the next Legislature under a new and more popular guise. The revised proposition contemplates the setting aside of the tax as an insurance fund for the miners against accident or death, and it carries with it the provision that the coal companies be relieved from any other form of taxation and likewise from the operation of the Employers' Liability bill.

The proposition is one which would inure to the benefit of the operators as well as the miners, but it will not find favor with the coal-consuming public, which will have to pay the tax. The plan would be more equitable if it included all other industries and did not discriminate in favor of the one.

RESERVOIRS INSTEAD OF DAMS.

The proposed canalization of the Ohio river has been met with a counter proposition which is new and interesting and which will doubtless provoke much discussion some of which will perhaps be profitable.

Instead of building locks and dams, it is proposed to build large storage reservoirs to hold the waters during flood seasons and to emit them gradually and uniformly during dry seasons.

If this plan is practical, its advantages are apparent. It means much more than water navigation alone. It means better water in the streams and healthier conditions in the towns located on their banks. The quantity and quality of the water supplies for [illegible] industrial and fire purposes [illegible] and the [illegible] this [illegible] suggestion that [illegible] able [illegible]

water power is already under dispute, yet it is not an unreasonable proposition. Water power is cheap and reliable. We see no reason why it should not be willingly, even eagerly, employed in manufacturing and in the generating of electrical power for all purposes.

One of the objections that will be urged against the proposition will be the danger of the reservoirs bursting and repeating such calamities as the Johnstown Flood. But this danger is remote. We are just as likely to have a destructive earthquake.

We will watch the discussion of the reservoir proposition with interest.

A GREEN CHRISTMAS AND ITS SUPERSTITION.

"A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," is an old and lugubrious and altogether silly superstition. We had a "green" Christmas last week, that is to say there was no snow on the ground in this immediate vicinity, hence we are given to understand through the wise old saw quoted that the winter will be an unhealthy one and there will be an unusual number of deaths in consequence.

As a matter of fact the weather is not necessarily unhealthy on December 25th if there be no snow on the ground. There are other considerations beside snow. Snow is not essential to human health. We may have all the conditions represented by snow without bothering about the snow itself. Snow brings little addition save the dangers of sudden tumbles and the broken limbs and bruised bodies incident thereto.

Sudden changes in the weather make unhealthy communities and fat graveyards. They breed all sorts of ills to worry and weaken and wear out the flesh of man, and chief among these ills is the common disorder due to the pernicious and unwelcome associations of the Micrococcus Catarrhalis, which is graphically described by the Baltimore Sun as follows:

> If the Micrococcus Catarrhalis could sing it would be a tenor. If it could vote it would be a Populist. If it were a vegetable it would eat onions and breathe like a steam blower. If it were a dog it would bite. If it were a cat it would yowl. If it could ride in trolley cars it would block the doorway in winter and seize the end seat in summer.
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> All this indirect elusive and subtle symbolism indicates the depraved nature of the beast. It is utterly and absolutely pernicious and vile. Its joy lies in torture. Its highest aim is the destruction of human happiness. It causes misery, swearing and despair and brings sorrow to the home. It is the forerunner of divorces, fights, suicides and murders. If it were eradicated stamped out, massacred, annihilated, executed, squashed, squelched and rendered null and void the world would be a better place and life would lose its sting.
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> The Micrococcus Catarrhalis is the reptile that produces a cold in the head. It is one twenty-thousandth of an inch around the waist and one ten-thousandth of an inch from eyebrow to tail. It has nine eyes, 300 legs, each with a tickler at the end, and the venomous machinery of a herd of rattlesnakes. Floating about in the air, like a mote upon a sunbeam, it makes its way into the human nasal passages and there begins its fiendish work. It invades the glottis, the oesophagus, the palate and the tonsils, and wherever it lands its claws down into the mucus membrane. Each time it encounters a nerve it laughs, and by the time it passes on the nerve looks like a Hamburger steak.

The green Christmas is all right if it is not ripe with the Micrococcus Catarrhalis; if its atmosphere is not laden with the soggy leaven of this sad bird of prey; if the air is not impregnated with its misery-inflicting and death-dealing germs.

The Micrococcus Catarrhalis is a hard one to beat in any kind of weather which this particular climate boasts of. Be the Christmas green or white, dry or wet, cold or warm, the Mickey Cat of Microbia remains with us and for us and of us.

Happy New Year for everybody but the misery-making Micrococcus Catarrhalis!

A BETTER CHECKING SYSTEM FOR MINERS

The Monongah mine is still giving up its dead. The exact number of men who found their fate in the Darr mine is as yet unknown and the estimates vary widely. It is evident that a better system of checking the men who enter and leave the mines is one of the reforms that is needful in mining practise.

Some of the mines in the Connellsville region have excellent plans for this purpose, but they can no doubt be improved upon as none of them seem to be perfect, or as nearly so as is possible.

Such a system of checking is valuable to the operators as well as to the miners in times of disaster as well as on other occasions less terrible.

BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it will return after many days."

It is announced that the holiday trade and returning confidence has enabled the Pittsburg banks to abolish the credit-disturbing Pay Check and return to curency payments.

Already the bread of Christmas cheer is returning to those who gave freely of it, thus demonstrating clearly that the financial experts have diagnosed the financial ills correctly. These ills have been due to the folly of The Hoarders, the Unprofitable Servants who hid their talents of gold and silver in the dark recesses of the earth, and thereby created a famine in the common medium of smaller exchanges necessitating an extension of the check system by which all larger exchanges are made.

Christmas-giving did much to loosen up the currency supplies and restore normal business conditions. The bread begins to return, not after [illegible] but almost instantly.

CONNELLSVILLE IT IS AND WILL REMAIN.

Greater Connellsville is a subject that interests many people not citizens of the town. Captain E. L. Shipley wants to see consolidation of the two towns on the Youghiogheny and offers the following suggestions:

The old name of Connellsville given the town in its infancy doesn't suit its modern size. It is no longer a village, but a city, the largest on the river and should take its name from the river. It should be called Youghiogheny or Youghiogheny City. Every citizen of Connellsville should urge this matter. The greater town will deserve a greater name. The citizens should turn out in a big mass meeting as they did when the bridge was made free and demand the adoption of the proposed change of name.

It is true that this community is no longer a village, but the suffix, "ville" has no modern meaning of this character.

Even though it had, there is another and more weighty reason why Connellsville should remain the name of the town which Colonel Crawford founded here, and to which his son-in-law, Zachariah Connell, gave a name. The name has since been given to a furnace fuel that is known all over the nation and to the uttermost parts of the earth. It has made Connellsville just as widely known. The name is too valuable to cast aside.

Uniontown, which aspires to be known as the center of the Connellsville coke region, was much surprised and grieved to learn from one of the New England educators at the Teachers' Institute last week that the fame of Connellsville was general there while Uniontown had never been heard of.

Youghiogheny is a good name, but it is twisted too much for modern English practise. Crawford would be more appropriate. But Connellsville it is and will remain.

IS OUR NAVY A FAILURE?

A writer in McClure's Magazine says that our priceless navy is absolutely worthless as against that of any up-to-date foreign power, and he proceeds with diagrams to show us.

This is a rather startling proposition in view of the millions of money this nation has invested in these fighting machines, and it is one which demands investigation by the Congress.

Ordinarily, the revelations of magazine writers are not to be taken seriously, but this is a matter that too vitally concerns the nation to be passed lightly by. The navy department has been suspected of being a bureaucracy in times past and if the nation is a victim of its incompetency the sooner we find it out the better.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND STATEMENTS.

Robert D. Warman, Burgess of Uniontown and late Democratic candidate for District Attorney, declares to the Uniontown Standard that he does not intend to file any statement of his campaign expenses for the reason that the law is unconstitutional. The Standard quotes him as saying that the Commonwealth interferes with a man's personal liberty when it inquires into this expense account; that no man can swear to the exact amount spent for campaign expenses because so many demands are made upon him for charitable objects because he is a candidate; that it is an inquiry into his personal, household and living expenses during the period of his candidacy which no one has any right or business to know; that a man's expense in a campaign as in his private life is a private affair, all his own; that the man who would make out a statement purporting to be all he had spent in a campaign for electioneering expenses and swear to it, honest though he might feel, is trifling with the Diety to whom he must answer in the Great Day.

Field Marshal Likins and his Prohibition forces are seeking to have an audit of the Republican campaign expense account, alleging that more money was actually spent than is accounted for in the official reports filed. Colonel Likins assures the public that this is a public-spirited movement in the interest of pure politics and is in nowise partisan. If this be so, why does the movement not extend to Democratic Candidates Warman and Frock, who have defied and still defy the law by refusing to file their statements?

Unless Colonel Likins makes his pure politics movement sweeping enough to take in all the infractions of the law, we must conclude that he is animated by partisanship or personal hatred and not by public spirit.

THE CLOSED DOOR AND THE QUIET CHRISTMAS.

The good citizens of Fayette county have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that the spirit of the Prince of Peace ruled here on Christmas Day, while violence and bloodshed stained the purity of the sacred anniversary in other sections of the country.

The alert and observant Field Marshal of Prohibition in Fayette county will doubtless attribute this fact to the closing of the barroom doors yesterday, and this may in some measure account for the gratifying conditions mentioned.

But it does not wholly rob the people of the credit for betraying the proper Christmas spirit. It is always possible to lay in ample supplies of the liquid energy which inebriates as well as cheers and which often excites to savagery instead of soothing to peacefulness, and such supplies were no doubt liberally provided.

Moreover, it is a fact that the Christmas murders, attempted and successful, were almost wholly committed outside of barrooms and were for the most part due to the individual and ample supplies of Christmas cheer that were anything but peaceful in their effects.

While we are willing to give the closing of the barrooms on holidays the benefit of the doubt and award it much credit for preserving good order, we are inclined to think that the bars might remain open with perfect safety and propriety if proper measures of effective regulation were provided by the landlords and the authorities acting conjointly; but in the absence of the latter, the bars are probably better closed.

The Closed Door and the Quiet Christmas are connected as well as coincident.

HIGH INSURANCE AND ITS REMEDY.

Both Connellsville and Uniontown are laboring under the serious disadvantage of high insurance rates due to imperfect fire protection. The additional sums paid in excess insurance would pay the cost many times over of remedying this fault. The Town Councils are representatives of the taxpayers and should see that the interests of the latter do not suffer in this manner.

The insurance interests have made it plain just what must be done to secure lower fire rates in each town, and the Town Councils should endeavor to meet those requirements at the earliest possible moment. Promptness is especially important in view of the fact that there is soon due another adjustment or rating which will stand for a considerable period regardless of what may thereafter be done in the way of improving fire protection.

The trouble in Connellsville is that the finances of the borough have been reduced to a rather desperate condition because of the peculiar management of the late Democratic Reformers. The people partially deposed them from power last spring, and they should complete the work at the coming February election.

One of the first movements in that direction is to certify two capable and honest Republicans in each of the First and Third wards as candidates for the party nomination at the Winter Primary. These preliminary primary nominations certified to by a dozen citizens of each ward and filed with the County Commissioners insures the appearance on the primary ticket of the names of the candidates selected. The good sense and sound judgement of the honest taxpayers will do the rest.

The time to file these petitions or nomination papers is now. They may be filed up to and including January 11th, next. Public-spirited citizens should get busy. Don't leave the duty to others. "If thou wouldst have a thing well done, do it thyself."

Cortelyou says it was all a mistake. He never was a candidate. That was the general impression.

The Agricultural Department reports that the wheat crop of the country will aggregate 634,000,000 bushels and the corn's crop 2,592,000,000 bushels. These figures have seldom been surpassed in the nation's history. With a cereal crop so great the nation must of necessity be prosperous. Currency is the only scarce commodity we have. In the midst of plenty we are hammered because of a sufficient volume of exchange. The condition is anomalous and should be remedied as soon as possible. It is not a matter for dalliance, but for serious thought and early action on the part of the Washington lawmakers.

When an Ohiopyle boy gets properly on the side he has the famous Kelley skinned.

The Somerset mine fire cost the company $10,000, but it is not worth mentioning in the face of the other mine disasters of the month.

Leslie M. Shaw, late Secretary of the Treasury, is opposed to all the financial plans mentioned up to date, but he does not offer anything in their stead. Anybody can be a knocker. It requires genius to be a builder.

The Knox boom sounds good to Jersey.

The People's Tribune kindly says that The Courier is the best daily in Western Pennsylvania. It might have added with truth that it is the biggest daily in Fayette county with the largest circulation, since its size is always self-evident and its circulation is an ascertained and tangible fact. There is no bluff about the claims of The Courier.

The statesmen at Washington will never consent to give up their garden seed prerogative.

It is much more difficult to get naturalized than it is to vote at the Uniform Primary.

William Henry Cook, who is editing the Uniontown Standard, added himself to the Institute lecture course and gave the teachers some of the best things they got through the columns of the Standard. William Henry can do it. He was once a County Superintendent himself, and tradition says he was a good and good-looking one.

The open grate is almost as dangerous to small children as the open light is to the miner.

The Pittsburg Coal Company has declined all offers of relief and signified its intention of caring for the victims of the Darr mine disaster. This is the graceful and proper thing to do. The company is better able to assume the burden of this charity than those whose sympathy and generosity prompted them to undertake a portion of it without even inquiring into the necessities of the case.

Globe-Trotter Taft has returned with a charmingly innocent ignorance of politics, but he hopes soon to learn all about it from Field Marshal Vorys.

The President thinks the Federal Government should emulate the Lord and help only those who help themselves. As between Federal and State Government the theory is strictly just, but it affords small consolation to the citizen whose property is being destroyed and whose rights are trampled upon by the lawless element unrestrained by the power whose duty it is to protect him in his person and estate.

The management of the Steel Corporation intimates that wages and prices will not be changed. The people of the Connellsville coke region heartily join in the hope that the intimation will soon become an official announcement.

The Knox boom has invaded Northern Michigan. It can't be frozen out.

The fateful Monongah mine is still giving up its dead, and it is probable that the company's estimate of 175 dead in the Darr mine will be augmented before the search is finally finished.

The Black Hand is now worth $300 to the holder.

Colonel Likins insists upon having an audit of the campaign expenses of the Republican organization and its candidates. The Colonel shouldn't discriminate. He should include in his proposed audit the Democrats and Prohibitionists. The Democrats spent some money, too; and there is a suspicion that the Prohibs set up the soda water on week days.

Mine disasters seem to be running to fire that is destructive to property rather than to life. This is at least a change for the better, though it is still bad enough.

Dynamite may be necessary to mining, but coal dealers are not called upon to furnish it to customers.

Some wonderful tales are going out of Jacobs Creek just now. There is no fancy work on the news of the Darr mine disaster as published in The Courier. This paper does not deal in fiction but in facts.

Ligonier mourns the loss of a great lumber industry, and her posterity will live to mourn the loss of her forestry.

The Catholic church sets its face against the capers of Hymen on Gretna Green. The courts are also inclined to look upon that frisky territory with the cold eye of distrust. Marriage is no summer flirtation. It should not be entered into lightly or flightily.

The Carnegie Hero Fund is being applied to a good purpose in these days of terrible mine disasters.

The Democrats of Schuylkill county will have their election expense accounts audited. The audit movement is not confined to one party. If the Schuylkill county Democrats can show as clean and correct an account as the Republican candidates in Fayette county will be able to produce they will be in no danger of troubles from this source.

Chopping Christmas trees from the cemetery will prove a grave mistake for the choppers if they are apprehended.

"One Good Effect," the head-liner of The News says of the terrible Darr mine disaster is that it will make the village of Jacob's Creek Democratic. The "One Good Effect" is in bad taste, to say the least.

Gas stoves and open grates are claiming their victims. These domestic appliances should be muzzled with screens.

The Connellsville merchants report an excellent holiday trade in spite of alleged bad times. Advertising in newspapers of circulation always brings the answer. Successful merchants always advertise with even greater liberality when times are dull than when they are exceedingly prosperous.

That Pennsylvania railroad investigation has produced some extensive claims for damages, and the company may have to pay pretty dearly for the depredations of its buccaneers.

The Washington naval and hospital bureaus are quarreling among themselves. The Big Stick is the proper peacemaker.

Union labor wants to abolish injunctions. We might as well abolish the courts and the law at once.

The Pullman monopoly is invited to come in and be regulated. Two-dollar berths are roosting too high above two-cent fares. They should come down to the railroad level.

Uniontown policemen insist that they shoot in the air, but evidence is not lacking that they sometimes fail to shoot up in the air.

The hills around Indian Creek have been sliding into the river ever since the B. & O. railroad was built along the bank of the Yough. The only consolation the railroad management can draw from the situation lies in the fact that at the present rate of progress the hills will soon be leveled down to slide no more.

The twin towns of Brownsville and Bridgeport are terrorized by the lawless element since they became the dual Capital of the Klondyke. They should rise to their situation, consolidate and organize an effective and ample police force, sufficient to preserve peace and order and protect the citizens.

It is time the Legislature abolished the Beaver Trust in the interest of forest preservation.

The Greater Connellsville movement should get a move on. It will take time, and 1910 is approaching.

The New England industries are resuming. They were among the first to slow up or shut down and with returning prosperity it's their move.

The sharks at Darr mine must have come up the river. They are not indigenous to the waters of the Yough or of Jacob's creek. They should be returned to the river and chased back down stream.

Scottdale is without a fire alarm. The practise of depending on some industrial establishment to furnish such an alarm is not the wisest one in the world. It is always safer for the municipality to own its own fire alarm apparatus.

Only one male in 16 married in Pennsylvania last year. If the ratio hasn't increased materially this year, the girls will have a fair chance for husbands during the Leap Year beginning January 1, next.

William J. Bryan has broken into the Senate from the Land of Flowers and will distribute a few oratorical boquets from time to time when Ben Tillman and Jeff Davis give him an opening. The new Senator from Florida is not William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, the original Apostle of 16-to-1 and modern Democracy's Peerless One, but William James Bryan, aged 31, precocious, persuasive and pleasing to his Democratic constituency.

Charleroi has developed the bomb-thrower. It should promptly and energetically develop processes for his elimination before he eliminates part of the population of the Magic City.

The Pittsburg newspaper correspondents at the Darr mine disaster promise to give their journals an unenviable name for utter unreliability.

The Union Supply Company was nearly a universal Santa Claus in the coke region.

The Greene county Democrats are getting ready for another primary campaign and the Waynesburg Messenger renews its plea for a pure primary and the elimination of boodle and booze as election factors. The plea is well-timed and able, but whether it is strong enough to overcome the custom of years remains to be seen. Much will depend upon the wisdom of the candidates.

The reckless firing of revolvers is criminal carelessness and should be punished as such.

The spirit of charity is active in behalf of the Darr mine sufferers. Let us hope that it will not exhaust itself there.

Out in Colorado the editors pummel each other when they meet. We hope none of the County Seat bunch will be timid about setting foot on Mud Island. We are sometimes persistent down this way, but we are always peaceful, and in our personal intercourse we are always polite.

It is reported that the express companies are at war. There are times when honest folks get their dues.

The uncertainties of the Gretna Green marriages have no terrors for the youthful lovers in this section and the Cumberland ministers are doing a rushing business this season.

The office of Sheriff is highly profitable in Fayette county, but under Republican administration it has not been conducted with the greed that disregards the all modern business rules and aims only at graft. The simple and inexpensive method of summoning jurors is one that will appeal to taxpayers.

Connellsville is developing into an educational center without the aid or consent of the County Superintendent.

Indiana is for Fairbanks with a warmth that has melted all the ice with which his boom has been encased and creates the suspicion that the Fairbanks cocktail was mixed up with the official declaration.

The banks of the country are all right. The last statement shows that they are carrying nearly one-half more than the required legal reserve.

Populistic Oklahoma wants to pass a law forbidding the exportation of its natural gas. The sovereignty of the States is not supreme. This was determined some years ago at a frightful cost of blood and treasure, but the determination was final and complete. Oklahoma will have to bow to it as did all the States of the South.

The spirit of Christmas was spotted with crime in Westmoreland county.

EXCHANGE ETCHINGS.

Some of the Enterprising Spirit of Our Esteemed Contemporaries.

The Meyersdale Republican puts out an annual holiday edition every year. The 1907 number surpassed all former efforts under the able editorial direction of Editor W. A. Shoemaker. It consists of 20 pages enclosed in an illustrated cover, and is well filled with artistic advertising. The whole is a triumph of typographical excellence. The Republican is evidently highly appreciated by the live merchants of Meyersdale, but no more highly than it ought to be.

The Crowley Signal, from faraway Acadia Parish, Louisiana, comes to us with a 48-page holiday number brilliant with bright colors and bursting with live advertising matter representing the business interests of nearly all Southwestern Louisiana. The typographical appearance of the number proves that The Signal office is one of the best equipped print shops in the country.

The Bellefonte Watchman issues a special Christmas number with a handsome cover in colors, and announces that it will lay off a week in order to enjoy the holidays.

The Waynesburg Democrat has changed its form from an old-fashioned folio to the more modern form of twelve pages. It announces that it has installed new machinery and proposes to make The Democrat the best local paper in the county. Things do move in Little Greene.

The Uniontown Standard is of full age, having celebrated its 21st birthday. It has increased threefold in size since its birth. The Standard has been conducted on conservative lines. Its growth has not been phenomenal, but it has been steady and steadfast. It is the only paper in Fayette county that sells for two cents, and it has maintained its position as a leading paper in spite of the fact that all its contemporaries are one-cent papers. It is a paper of solid worth and is appreciated by its readers.

The Everett Republican and the Everett Press have succumbed to the inevitable and increased the price of their weekly papers from $1.00 to $1.50 per year. The large and continuing advance in white paper is compelling all the country publishers to advance their subscription rates and many of the penny dailies have also increased their price to two cents.

The Clarksburg Telegram has installed a Duplex press of 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-page capacity and celebrated its addition by issuing a 12-page paper on Saturday. The Telegram is one of the hustlers in progressive West Virginia journalism.

The Morgantown Chronicle of Saturday last contained 16 pages printed on fine paper and profusely illustrated exploiting the industrial side of the Athens of West Virginia. One of the live industries of Morgantown is the newspaper publishing business.

THE LIKINS PETITION.

Attorney Dumbauld Says It Is Unconstitutional and Conflicts.

SOME ARE GIVEN SENTENCES.

Failure to Agree on Price of Land Taken by Railroad Company Results in Viewers Being Appointed New Haven Foreigners Sentenced for Selling Liquor.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 24—A session of court was held this morning at which considerable business was transacted Attorney H S Dumbauld presented a petition asking that the petition presented by William Likins and others, for the reopening of the account of John R Byrne late Republican County Chairman be dismissed and the proceedings quashed Attorney Dumbauld argued that the action was contrary to the Constitution of the United States and also the State Constitution and was in conflict with the law regulating the filing of expense accounts by candidates and others. A hearing was set for the case January 7 but the petition of Attorney Dumbauld will now preclude a hearing at that time, as Likins will have to show cause on or before that date why a hearing should be held

Attorney Davis Henderson presented a petition for the appointment of viewers to assess damages sustained by Hugh Higginbotham of Redstone township by the action of the Pennsylvania railroad He is the owner of a tract of land of 174 acres, from which two and one-third acres were taken by the Pennsylvania company for a side track. It was impossible to agree on a price, and the following were appointed to view the property and assess damages J W Moore Frank Santos, Reinard Bulger James Thornton James Roberts and Louis Schriver

Edward Walker convicted of aggravated assault and battery was sentenced to nine months in the work house He attacked a number of boys at Uniontown and seriously cut Thomas and William Hay

Ira Kerr was convicted of non support and desertion He was ordered to pay his wife $4 per week. She asked for $5

Attorney T P Jones and H S Dumbauld were allowed $100 each as fees for defending Anton Sosteric who was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary

The costs in the case of William Coburn who was tried for assault on S. A Davidson and who was granted a new trial have been placed on the county and the case stricken from the docket

A bond of $2 000 was filed by the Fayette County Railroad Company to protect any damages that might arise to the property of William Preece of Dunbar, by the company laying an additional track near his house Objections were also filed to the bond alleging that it was insufficient to protect the owner The court ordered both the bond and the objections filed

In the cases of Andrew Alexander and George Gabola of New Haven charged with selling liquor without a license the court assessed a fine of $40 10 days in jail and pay the costs Alexander and Gabola attended a dance given at the Slavish hall in New Haven. Gabola is a wandering musician and played at the dance While there they gave some boys whiskey and they became drunk Their attorneys made a plea for them saying that both the defendants had good characters and the offense was not prolonged or premeditated

John Fortek, convicted of assault and battery was fined $5 He was in a fight at Leckrone Fortek is now yard boss at Oliver and an effort was made to get him off on costs but the court refused

A divorce was granted Harry Hurst from his wife Blanche C Hurst, on the grounds of desertion

Arguments were made in the cases of Joseph Castella Samuel Bonetta James Lorgetta and Frank Reppert convicted in the Brownsville conspiracy cases Attorney Jones argued for the prisoners and said that there was not sufficient evidence for their conviction and that they chanced to be in town when Guiseppe Nickelette was assaulted There was no decision

BEAVER'S APPROVAL.

Opinion in the Boulos Case Received at Uniontown, Sustaining Fayette County.

UNIONTOWN Dec 26—Justice Beaver, of the Superior Court has returned all the papers and his opinion in the case of Charles Boulos convicted of conspiracy in violating the Sunday laws The case was taken to the Superior Court by the defense on the ground that there was no ground on which the lower court could base an opinion in sustaining the verdict of the jury

Judge Beaver reviews the case in its entirety and recalls particularly the testimony that Boulos did not know the names of the clerks he employed when he engaged them on Saturdays for Sunday work. The court approves all the actions of the lower court and says in conclusion that the jury was warranted in its findings and that they were proper.

DAN CUPID BUSY.

A Rush for Marriage Licenses Saturday and Today.

UNIONTOWN Dec 23—The marriage license clerk was kept at his post the greater part of Saturday afternoon Wallace Levingstone of Brownsville and Miss Mary Cunningham of Lambert, the latter accompanied by her mother appeared for a license and were self married

Fayette county will lose one of its popular women teachers by the marriage of Miss Jessie L Boyd of Dickerson Run to Harry B Hite of Scottdale The license was granted Saturday Others granted follow

Charles Spear and Emma Frazee both of Henry Clay township

Eastman Christopher and Lena Lancaster both of Luzerne township

J C Bryson of Dunbar and Janet Pearl Woods of Searights

Charles Baker of German township and Lizzie Baker of Carmichaels

Geo W Heath of Bellevernon and Cora Pearl Cunningham of Westmoreland county

John Audley of Masontown and Kate M. Helmick of Nicholson township

Charles Morris of Pt Marion and Clara Boord of Cheat Haven

Up until the closing hour Saturday the number of licenses granted during the year was 1490 This will likely be increased several today and to morrow

FEAST AND FIGHT

That Came Near Ending in a Murder at Coolspring Wednesday Evening

UNIONTOWN Dec 26—A fight following a Christmas festival at the Coolspring church last night came very near ending in murder and landed Milton Boyd in jail this morning Boyd attended the festival and while the exercises were going on it is said that he made threats against Walter Tunning and John Bosley After the affair was over Tunning and Bosley started home along the public road A short distance away from the church Boyd ran up to Tunning and grabbing him by the arm slashed him twice across the breast with a knife This brought on a general melee of others who had followed and while it was going on Boyd picked up a rock and hurled it at Bosley striking him above the left eye and cutting a big gash in his head Others who followed from the church stopped the fight and Constable Fee was summoned placing Boyd under arrest

He was lodged in jail this morning on a warrant charging him with aggravated assault and battery Tunning was in town this morning and exhibited two long knife wounds in the chest while Boyd's deep cut on the head was shown to a physician who pronounced it a dangerous one and said had the wound been a little farther back on the head it would have proved fatal Coolspring residents say that Boyd has a bad reputation

DANIEL BARNHART.

Aged Resident of Dunbar Township Died on Saturday Afternoon

Daniel Barnhart, aged 62 years a lifelong resident of Dunbar township died Saturday afternoon at the home of his brother James J Barnhart at Sunny Side Death was due to heart failure Funeral services were held this morning at 10 o clock from his late residence Rev Reed of Laurel Hill officiated Appropriate music was rendered by Mrs Hopwood Many friends of the deceased attended the services Interment at Hill Grove Grove cemetery

Deceased was the son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Barnhart and was born and spent all his life in Dunbar township He was never out of Fayette county Mr Barnhart since the death of his parents has resided with his brother James J Barnhart He never married and always worked on the farm He was one of a family of ten children five boys and five girls He is survived by one sister Mrs Catherine Cramer and James J Barnhart of Sunnyside, Dunbar township

OLD RESIDENT HERE

George Heaton, Raised in Connellsville, Returns for Christmas

George Heaton of St Paul Minn who was raised in Connellsville spent Christmas here and enjoyed this great annual feast at the home of J C Lytle, an old schoolmate Accompanying Mr Heaton was his son Arthur

Mr Heaton left Connellsville 34 years ago but frequently returns to the scenes of his childhood The Heaton family is an old one in Western Pennsylvania settling in Greene county when it was a wilderness Mr Heaton is selling Montana and North Dakota lands in the West

DIED OF PARALYSIS

Michael Krajnak, Yard Boss at Tip Top Works

Michael Krajnak, aged 50 years yard boss for the H C Frick Coke Company at Tip Top, died Wednesday afternoon at 1 30 o clock at his late home as the result of a second stroke of paralysis having suffered the second stroke a few days ago Deceased is survived by his widow and two children One sister also survives

Funeral from his late residence at Tip Top near Tintsman tomorrow morning at 9 30 o clock and from St John s Slavish Church in New Haven at 10 30 o clock.

BIG BILLS ARE PAID.

The County Commissioners Square Up Accounts With the Closing Year.

OUR INSANE ARE EXPENSIVE.

Largest Item Was for the Care of the County's Unfortunate—During the Past Week Treasurer Has Cashed Nearly $14,000 in Orders

UNIONTOWN Dec 23—From the Commissioners office the past week there were issued orders on the Treasurer of Fayette county which amounted to $1 [illegible]51 41 The greater portion of which sum was spent directly in keeping criminals and bringing them before the bar of justice

The largest item on the list is that paid out to the Dixmont Insane Asylum for the care of the county unfortunates This amounts to $2 531 70 The next is $1 9?7 42 paid to the county of Allegheny for the keeping of Fayette county inmates of the work house Morganza is paid $1 073,68 for the care of younger criminals sent from this county

The cost of criminal court is another item of no small importance The total expense to the county including jury costs constable costs witnesses etc brings the total up to nearly $2 500

The expense of the county the past week follows

Frank Pierce assessor Connellsville township	[illegible]
Chas M Leo [illegible] for Uniontown Second Ward	141 [illegible]
J M Howard Treasurer Commonwealth witness costs Justices and Constables costs premiums etc	16 3
Chas H Nutt road damage in Jefferson township	1 00
J M Howard Treasurer court crier payroll	1 300
J M Howard Treasurer jury pay	105 [illegible]
R T [illegible] for Commissioners	4 100
Peerless Heating Co [illegible]	[illegible]
J M Howard Treasurer Constables costs and witness	[illegible]
J M Thomas assessor Henry Clay township	[illegible]
J M Howard Treasurer petit jury payroll	[illegible]
J M Howard Treasurer registers assessors	77 50
J M Howard Treasurer sheep claims road tax assessor premiums etc	[illegible]
J M Howard Treasurer payroll tipstaves court criers court reporting	106 [illegible]
J M Howard Treasurer engineer plant etc	[illegible]
Ash William [illegible] in full	[illegible]
Fayette Gas Company for November	134 44
Wm J Beggs [illegible] for Uniontown South Ward	111 86
S M Foust road and bridge views	94 60
J M Howard Treasurer Commonwealth witnesses cost etc	2 00
Fannie Miller court reporting	[illegible]
John C [illegible] burial of P J Conway	50 00
J M Howard Treasurer Commonwealth witnesses Justices costs etc	[illegible]01 76
H A Hutchison for insane at Dixmont for quarter ending December 1 1907	[illegible]
H [illegible] Allegheny County Work House for quarter ending Dec 1 1907	1 9?7 [illegible]
Morganza Reform School for quarter ending November 30 1907	1 073 68
Jas E Matthews & Co [illegible]	7 [illegible]
S O McCormick work on county bills	[illegible] 80
W G Johnston supplies	1 155 [illegible]
B O Neal assessor for Upper Tyrone township	16 4
D W Henderson salary	200 00
J W Walker assessor for Masontown	31 47

GOES AFTER GERMS.

How Hyomei Does Its Work in Curing Catarrh

Nature's remedy for catarrhal troubles is the oils and balsams found in Hyomei It is a specific not a cure all It has but one mission the cure of catarrh

The natural way of curing a disease is always the scientific way and the scientific way of curing catarrh is the simple way with Hyomei

Catarrh is a germ disease and can be cured only by using Hyomei the treatment that reaches and destroys all catarrhal germs

Breathed through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit Hyomei's medication reaches the most remote air cells of the nose throat and lungs going after the disease germs wherever present, destroying them and preventing their growth thus making catarrhal troubles impossible

There is no dangerous stomach dosing when Hyomei is used It is solely an inhalation treatment prepared specially to kill the catarrhal germs and is so successful that A. A Clarke sells it under an actual guarantee to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction

Begin the use of Hyomei at once and see how quickly it gives relief and lasting cure complete outfit is only $1 00 9

Exceptions to Hitchman Will

Heirs at law of the late James Hitchman of Mt Pleasant have filed exceptions to the will giving practically all the $70 000 estate to Lawrence Hitchman and son and six nieces and nephews They allege the testator was mentally incapable and claim undue influence

Send The Courier to a friend for a Christmas present.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

Miss Anna Sleighter and Walter P Bruck Married

Miss Anna Sleighter daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Sleighter of Cross Land Station and Walter P Bruck of Fairhope Somerset county were quietly married Wednesday afternoon at 4 o clock at the home of the bride Rev L B Burgess pastor of the local Trinity English Lutheran Church officiated The attendants were Miss Mabel Tissue and John Sleighter, the latter a brother of the bride

The ceremony was followed by a prettily arranged wedding dinner at which covers were laid only for the members of the two families Mr and Mrs Bruck will reside in Somerset county

DEATH MESSAGE

Instead of C B Woods Came to Sherrick Home as Preparations for Celebration Were On

Charles B Woods a brother in law of John and Albert Sherrick of Pennsville died suddenly in a hotel at Wilkes Barre Pa while en route to Pennsville to attend the annual dinner given at the home of Mrs J H Sherrick mother of Mrs Woods Preparations had been made for an exceptionally happy Christmas celebration at the home of Mother Sherrick as all the family connections were expected to be in attendance Mrs Woods with her only child Mary Woods arrived at the Sherrick home several days ago and the father was expected to arrive Wednesday morning Instead of that there came a message of his death

The deceased was a traveling salesman and when he reached Wilkes Barre on Monday he was feeling ill After retiring he became so ill that a physician was summoned but death resulted from myocarditis an affection of the heart shortly after the physician had been summoned Deceased was the son of the late Chas and Susan Ward Woods of Philadelphia and was 53 years old The body was brought to Pennsville today for interment The funeral will take place Saturday from the Sherrick home at Pennsville at 1 30 o clock Interment will be made at Alverton

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

In Evidence at Police Station When Chief of Police and Burgess Soisson Pass Gifts

The Christmas spirit was much in evidence at the police station Wednesday morning when the police force presented Burgess Soisson with a splendid fountain pen and Chief of Police B Rottler with a handsome umbrella All the officers were present at the little event and it was a very happy one

The Burgess in a neat little address thanked the officers for the pretty and substantial remembrance and each of the officers in turn expressed his thanks for a big fat turkey, which he sent around to their homes on the day previous and which they had made all preparations to devour a few hours later

Chief Rottler was very much pleased with his gift and eloquently expressed his acknowledgments Both he and Burgess Soisson expressed their pleasure at the harmony and good feeling that exists among the officers Burgess and Chief of Police and expressed the hope that it might continue until the end of the terms of all

SCOTTDALE QUIET.

Despite Fact That Many of Fayette's Thirsty Souls Went There to Slake Thirst

SCOTTDALE Dec 26—In spite of the closed bars in Fayette and the open ones in Westmoreland county Christmas Day the crowd in Scottdale was much smaller than in former years There was little trouble with them and but six arrests made The first fellow had no legs and was from Fayette county The next two captured had only one leg apiece The others were not maimed but were too drunk to get out of town

Three who said they were from Connellsville were in They give their names as Tom Gannen Harry Best and Dan Nolan All the prisoners were discharged this morning by Burgess Wm Ferguson

TRIAL LIST.

Equity Cases and Proceedings to Be Listed for February

UNIONTOWN Dec 26—The court has directed that all the equity cases be placed on the trial list for the week beginning February 3 and that all cases in equity proceedings be placed on the list in the order in which they were filed

This is an important matter and is usually done once a year but it frequently happens that it cannot be properly accomplished for two or three years

LEAPS THROUGH WINDOW

Strange Suicide of B & O Patrolman Near Hyndman

D C Haughey, a Baltimore & Ohio patrolman employed at Chicago committed suicide in an unusual manner Tuesday morning when he leaped through a window of Train No 6 He landed on the opposite track and was almost immediately beheaded by an approaching freight train

Haughey lived at Tiffin O where his body will be shipped for burial

IN ORPHANS' COURT.

A Short Session Was Held This Morning Before Judge Work.

BANK APPOINTED GUARDIAN.

Fayette Title & Trust Company Will Look After Interests of Several Minors Who Have Money Due From Estate.

UNIONTOWN Dec [illegible]—The regular weekly session of Orphans Court was held this morning by Judge Work In the estate of Franklin H Smith of Franklin township Ida I Smith administratrix filed a bond of $500 with E W D[illegible] and David I Cooper sureties The return to order of sale in the same estate was presented and confirmed unless exceptions are filed to it within the legal time

The Fayette Title & Trust Company guardian of Anne Margaret and Joseph Hartman minor children of Harry and Joseph Hartman deceased of Uniontown was granted authority to pay $7[illegible] for their support

The Fayette Title & Trust Company was appointed guardian of Raymond Elizabeth and Jean minor children of the late Herman Steckel[illegible] of Uniontown conditioned upon the acceptance of the trust

HIT BY STRAY BULLET

Margaret McGovern Victim of a Painful Accident

Margaret McGovern 11 years old daughter of Michael McGovern of Dunbar was struck by a stray bullet and painfully wounded as she was walking along the Baltimore & Ohio tracks Wednesday opposite Mattas planing mill

Miss McGovern was on her way home to Dunbar The shot was evidently fired from the planing mill or just beyond the bullet striking her on the check bone

Another story from Dunbar is that Miss McGovern was struck by three spent bullets and that one of them cut a nerve at the corner of one of her eyes

Stockholders Meeting.

COLONIAL NATIONAL BANK OF Connellsville—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of [illegible] M and [illegible] M [illegible] SCHENCK Cashier

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF [illegible]—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of [illegible] and [illegible] M A COSGROVE Cashier

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Dunbar—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of [illegible] and [illegible] P M C J KIMBALL Cashier

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CONNELLSVILLE—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of [illegible] M L T Norton Cashier

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DAWSON—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House at Dawson Pa on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of [illegible] o clock JOHN H WERTZ Cashier

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF Connellsville—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of directors to serve the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of [illegible] o clock P M JAMES L KURTZ Cashier

NEW HAVEN NATIONAL BANK—The annual meeting of the Stockholders for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 from 10 A M to 1 M J C LONG Cashier

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF CONNELLSVILLE—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of 1 A M and [illegible] M JOHN A ARMSTRONG Cashier

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Perryopolis—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House Perryopolis Pa on SATURDAY JANUARY 11 1908 between the hours of [illegible] and 10 A M HOWARD ADAMS Cashier

THE YOUGH NATIONAL BANK OF Connellsville—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY JANUARY 14 1908 between the hours of 11 A M and 2 M E R FLOTO Cashier

Strayed

STRAYED—ON OCTOBER 3 THERE came to my farm at Indian Run a calf Owner can have it by proving property and paying charges JONAH HUGHES [illegible]

Administrators Notice

ESTATE OF GEORGE J HUMBERT deceased Letters of Administration in the Estate of George J Humbert late of Connellsville township Fayette county Pa deceased having been granted to the undersigned notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated for settlement ANNA CLARA HUMBERT and J C KURTZ Administrators P O address Connellsville Pa [illegible]

Administrator's Notice

McDonald & Clay Attys

ESTATE OF JAMES SHIELDS DEceased Letters of Administration on the Estate of James Shields late of Dunbar township Fayette county Pa having been granted to the undersigned notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated for settlement EDWARD D SHIELDS Administrator P O address Dunbar Pa [illegible]

Executor's Notice

ESTATE OF CHRISTIAN BALSLEY deceased

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary have been granted the undersigned executor on the estate of Christian Balsley late of Connellsville borough deceased All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment and those having claims will present them to the undersigned for settlement JOHN KURTZ Executor of Christian Balsley deceased Connellsville Pa 18dec1td [illegible]

Divorce Notice.

MRS JESSIE WILSON VS SHANNON W Wilson In the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette county Pa No 11 December term 1907

To Shannon W Wilson respondent You are hereby notified that the subpoena and alias subpoena in this case have been returned Non est inventus You are therefore required to appear in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette county Pa on the first Monday of February A D 1908 and answer the libel and complaint filed and show cause if any you have why a divorce from the bonds of matrimony should not be granted the libellant above named MARION KILLER Sheriff Sheriff's Office December 11 1907 [illegible]

P H PENDLETON SAM F HOOD

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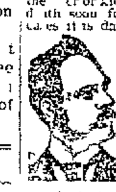
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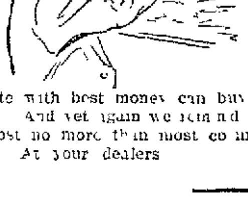
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UNIONTOWN, PA.

MASKED ROBBERS GET $2,000 FROM AGED WILLIAM YAUGER.

Entered in Front Door Near Percy and Threatened to Kill Old Couple, Firing Two Shots as Bluff.

YAUGER FINALLY TOLD.

And Then the Robbers Came Back Three Times With Threats of Violence and Each Time They Got More Money—Yaugers Had Distrusted Banks and Hoarded Savings of a Life Time.

Not since the days of the notorious ... gang has a robbery been committed in Fayette county that equaled that of two masked men who got over ... at the home of Wm. Yauger, three-fourths of a mile up Yauger Hollow near Percy Thursday night. Aside from the fact that the two men must have known the habits of Yauger and that he had a large sum of money concealed about the house, there is not a clue. County Detective Alex ...th and Constable Milt Morris are at the Yauger home trying to get a start on the case

The robbery was committed between ... and 1 o clock Thursday night. The Yaugers, both of whom are well over 60 years, were first awakened by the presence of two masked men at their bedside Each of the men was masked and held a cocked revolver at their heads. The old couple were commanded to reveal the secret hiding place of their hoarded wealth Mrs. Yauger was too badly frightened to talk and her husband refused to tell where the money was located The robbers threatened to kill him and placed their pistols at his head He still refused to give up the secret and two shots were fired as a bluff, but so close to his head that his face is badly burned by powder

The old man was still firm His wife, however, became so frightened at the prospect of her husband being murdered that she told where a pack... of money was concealed This was done, despite the protestations of her husband who begged her not to tell where the money was hidden One of the robbers stood guard over the Yaugers while the other searched as directed by Mrs Yauger and got a package of money Then they left the house but returned in a few minutes and informed the Yaugers that there was still more money hidden They got Mrs Yauger alone and a second time she told them where there was more money, this time in the cellar They left with this but came back a third time and roughly commanded Mrs Yauger to tell where all of their money was upon threat to torture and kill her Then the old lady broke down and told of all the hiding places about the house where crocks and cans were hidden filled with money Packages of paper money were also hidden in numbers of places under the carpet and in out of the way places After going over the whole house and securing in all over $2,000 the robbers left

The money stolen was the savings of a life time Mr and Mrs Yauger distrusted banks and have hoarded their savings for years Many of the coins stolen were rare old gold and silver pieces of early date

When the robbers had gone Yauger went to the home of his brother John Yauger some distance away and told of the robbery Word was not sent to Uniontown until Friday Entrance to the house was gained by smashing the front door with a fence rail, though strangely the Yaugers did not know robbers were in the house until they were awakened by them at their bedside

GANS RESIGNS.

Takes Quiet Rap at School Board for Not Electing His Successor in Fourth Ward.

In a letter to President W S Schenck of the Connellsville School Board Captain John L Gans, former member and president of the Board takes a hot shot at the present organization For the past several weeks the Board has deferred the election of President Gans' successor awaiting a resignation from him.

This is in striking contrast to the attitude taken when W D McGinnis left the body Several members were in favor of declaring his seat vacant before he renounced allegiance to the Third Ward The letter to President Schenck read.

Having learned that the School Board has deferred electing my successor on account of not having received my formal resignation I beg to invite your attention to the provision of the School Laws governing such matters to wit

"Every member ceasing to be a resident of the district for which he was a Director thereby vacates his office without resignation from the day he ceases being a resident and the fact being known and entered on the minutes another is to be appointed in his place

I ceased to be a resident of the Fourth Ward Connellsville, October 15 1907 upon which date my office as Director became vacant.

It is likely that a successor to Captain Gans will be elected at the next regular meeting of the School Board which is to be held a week from next Monday. Owing to the fact that there ... of the Board.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Ladies Aid of Baptist Church Choose Leaders for Coming Year.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church was held Thursday at the home of Mrs J W Dixon on East Main street The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Mrs J W Dixon Vice President, Mrs Abram Stauffer, Secretary, Mrs S M Jeffries, Assistant Secretaary, Mrs J D Percy and Treasurer, Mrs L L Herbert The attendance was large and the meeting was an interesting one.

A WATER CYCLE.

Frank Helms of South Connellsville Invents Machine That Navigated the Yough Friday.

Aquatic navigation promises to be revolutionized, to some extent through the invention of a South Connellsville man who has invented a water cycle which will not only float, but which can be run under perfect control of the driver Frank Helms is the inventor and Friday he caused New Haven to sit up and take notice when his machine landed near the Yough bridge

Helms has been working on his machine for several months past and Friday it was given a trial run Samuel Witt navigated the contraption from a point about two miles above town and came down the river with it

The machine consists of a bicycle frame mounted on two cylindrical tubes The tubes keep the machine afloat. The affair is propelled by a paddle wheel placed on the rear of the frame, after the method used by boats which ply the Monongahela The water cycle is steered by a rudder, connected with the handle bars

After reaching New Haven the boat was loaded on a wagon and taken back to South Connellsville. Inventor Helms desires to make some improvements to it

TROUBLESOME DEBT.

Thomas Kosnick Held Up and Has Hard Fight to Retain Money Intended for Another.

UNIONTOWN Dec 27—John Kosnick last night paid a debt under difficulties John lives at Irwin and some weeks ago borrowed $115 from his brother in law, John Strader of Brownfield Business with Kosnick had been good so he decided to liquidate the obligation yesterday

He landed in Uniontown and stopped off an hour or so to size up the sky scrapper and other sights of the county seat About $30 he boarded a car for Brownfield

When Kosnick left the car and started across the fields he was followed by two men After going a short distance they accosted him but Thomas started to run They gave chase assaulted him and were not to be shaken off until Kosnick badly frightened and almost desperate broke into the home of J H Reese as a haven of refuge The men followed him to the very door, but finally departed Kosnick then continued to Strader s home and paid over the money

BAR BANQUET.

Fayette County Lawyers Were the Guests of Judge Nathaniel Ewing Last Evening.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 27—The members of the Fayette County Bar Association were the guests of Judge Nathaniel Ewing at the Country Club last night at dinner The handsome club house with its commodious quarters was trimmed in Christmas decorations and the lawyers were given every opportunity to extend themselves

President Geo B Jeffries of the Bar Association first called on L L Minor, who responded to Our Profession ' Mr Minor spoke of the obligation of the lawyer to his clients D W McDonald spoke on 'Our Bar and Judge E H Reppert on "Our Daily Labors Senator W E Crow handled Our Occasional Recreations" in a clever little talk R F Hopwood and James I Kay the latter a guest of Judge Ewing from the Allegheny County Bar were also called upon for toasts Among the other guests were Logan Rush P E Sheppard and T J Mitchell

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

New One Has Been Appointed by the Bar Association.

UNIONTOWN Dec 27—A new Law Examining Committee has been appointed by the Bar Association It is composed entirely of the younger members of the Fayette bar Those now serving in the positions are E Dale Field, W H Martin and S R

BANK STATEMENTS.

Condition of All National Banks Throughout the Country

WASHINGTON Dec 27—(Special)—A statement showing the condition of the national banks of the United States at the close of business December 3 was this week made public by the comptroller of the currency

It shows that the total loans and discounts of the banks aggregate $4 583 337 094, individual deposits $4 176 873 717, cash resources $660 784 736 capital stock $901 081 682 United States deposits $223 117 082

The net balances of clearing house certificates in the banks on the date named was $64 344 128 The percentage of legal reserve to deposits is 21 31 per cent

NAME COMMITTEES

By Y. M C. A for the Big Reception to Be Held New Years Day

The following have been appointed on the committees for the great New Year s reception to be given the public of Connellsville and community next Wednesday afternoon and evening

Reception committee, President and Mrs Kilpatrick Secretary and Mrs John A Eby Dr and Mrs G W Gallagher Mr and Mrs Joseph McConnell Prof and Mrs W S Deffenbaugh Dr and Mrs F B Echard Mr and Mrs E W Horner Mr and Mrs H L Douglass, Mr and Mrs J W Brown Mr and Mrs John Curry, Burgess and Mrs A D Soisson Mr James Long Mr and Mrs Kell Long Colonel and Mrs J M Reid, Mrs Lloyd Johnston, Mrs A W Neff Messrs S P Ashe Frederick Prosch R. P Scott Mr and Mrs Robert Robert Felty

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ENTERTAINMENT

That Was Most Enjoyable at the Welsh Church on Christmas Night

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Welsh church Christmas night Much credit is due to the committee and all who took part to make the evening as enjoyable as possible The meeting was opened by William Thomas who led the audience in singing My Country Tis of Thee, and in a few well chosen remarks introduced the chairman for the evening Ben T Williams who responded with a very appropriate address The program was as follows

Recitations Albert Griffiths Miss Sarah Davies Emeline Lewis Margaret Lewis Elsie Williams Joseph Griffiths J M Cecil Raymond Griffiths Songs G Lewis N M Griffiths, Even Evans T J Williams Mrs J Griffiths S M Thomas B T Williams duet William Griffiths and S M Thomas with chorus Mrs Cummings was the accompanist

Following the musical program Santa Claus made his appearance and presented everyone with a present It was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held at South Connellsville

ANNUAL SERVICE

Of the United Brethren Sunday School at Owensdale on Tuesday Evening.

OWENSDALE Dec 26—The annual Christmas services of the Owensdale United Brethren Sunday school were held Tuesday evening in the presence of a large audience The seating capacity of the church was not sufficient to seat comfortably all who desired to see and hear and quite a number had to stand during the performance

Rev Leichliter the pastor of the church was in charge of the training of the children and each part was carried out in a very pleasing way A special attraction of the program was an exercise The Quest of the Wise Men ' performed by nine boys and one girl The Owensdale U B Sunday school was one of the schools to receive a banner certificate from the Fayette County Sunday School Association for coming up to the standard of excellence adopted by the Executive Committee

The latest move in the school is the organizing of an adult Bible class with Mr Lewis Rush as teacher and the indications are that much good will come from this organization

MRS ELMIRA WAGNER.

Died Thursday at Her Late Home Near Here

Mrs Elmira Wagner died yesterday afternoon at her late home near the Johnston school house, aged 57 years Funeral services were held from the late residence Sunday afternoon at 1 30, interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery

SHOW APPRECIATION.

Citizen's Water Co. Presents Check for $50 to Scottdale Firemen

FOR GOOD WORK ON DEC. 14.

At Big Fire Which Damaged Smith, Kelly & Cook Building on Pittsburg Street, the Citizens Water Company Was One of the Establishments that Suffered

SCOTTDALE Dec 27—Superintendent Joseph T Randle, of the Citizens Water Company has handed to Arthur E Collins treasurer of the Scottdale Volunteer Fire Department, a check for $50 Accompanying the check is the following letter Gentlemen —It gives me pleasure to enclose herewith check of the Citizens Water Company for the sum of $50 payable to the order of the Scottdale Volunteer Fire Company We take this means by expressing our appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the volunteers on the night of December 11 when the office of this company was threatened with total destruction by fire But through your diligent and able work we are glad to say our loss was comparatively small Again thanking and with the best wishes of the season we are yours etc

The fire at which the Volunteer Fire Company did such excellent work was that in the Boyd building on Pittsburg street, owned by Smith, Kelly & Cook and occupied by C S Nelson s shoe store the Scottdale Plumbing & Heating Co Roy Altman s photograph studio and the Citizens Water Company office The Volunteer Fire Company are greatly pleased with the substantial recognition of their work Encouragement like this and in fact any encouragement makes their work easier

CANINE SLAUGHTER.

Georges Township Constable Kills 100 Dogs and Collects Taxes on 300.

UNIONTOWN Dec 27—Constable Samuel Cooley of George township came to Uniontown this morning and is settling up some business with the Commissioners Constable Cooley has been waging fierce warfare on unregistered dogs in Georges township

Some time ago he started out to look up all unlicensed dogs Those not registered he shot To date Cooley has killed 101 dogs and has collected taxes on over 300 canines He has one coke plant yet to visit a big one which will swell his list of tax collections and scalps he says

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE.

It will be Held in Connellsville on January 18

A conference of public school principals and teachers is to be held in Connellsville on January 18 for the benefit of those employed throughout the coke region It has been arranged by Principal W S Deffenbaugh Edgar Reed H George May C J Scott and R K Smith These gentlemen are now engaged with the proposed program

One of the periods will be devoted to primary work which is among the most interesting of school studies The conference will be held either in the High School building or the Library

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

Miss Amy Hall, Confluence, and J L Blosser, Cheat Haven

J L Blosser of Cheat Haven Pa and Miss Amy Hall daughter of Mr and Mrs J L Hall of Confluence were married at 8 30 o clock Wednesday at the M E parsonage Confluence by Rev A K Travis Miss Atha and Mida Hall sisters of the bride were attendants

The bride and groom left on train No 14 for Washington D C where they will remain for a few days after which they will go South for a couple of months

FIREMAN HURT.

W T Gainer Injured in Wreck on Somerset & Cambria

W T Gainer of Gibson avenue a B & O fireman was brought to the Cottage State Hospital Wednesday suffering with concussion of the brain He was injured in a slight wreck at Tate Somerset county Mr Gainer is 23 years old and married

Lee Smith of Everson is at the hospital with a slight scalp wound He met with his injury while getting off a street car at Brimstone Corner yesterday afternoon

St John the Baptist Day

Uniontown Lodge of Perfection celebrated St John the Baptist Day with over two hundred Masons present An address was delivered by Attorney E C Higbee on The Character of St John '

Unknown Found Murdered

The body of an unknown man probably murdered was found near the railroad tracks at Jamison No 4 mine near Greensburg Death was due to wounds on the head

W. H. COBB DEAD.

Brother in Law of T B Donnelly and Had Visited Here

T B Donnelly was called to Harvard Illinois yesterday by the death of Mrs Donnelly s brother W H Cobb who succumbed to Bright s disease after a lingering illness Deceased was 55 years old and for many years had been a prominent engineer on the Lake Shore railroad He is quite well known in Connellsville having visited Mr and Mrs Donnelly several times

Mrs Donnelly was at the bedside of her brother when the end came having gone to Harvard to spend the holidays

BEAR RUN.

Personal Mention From the Masons' Country Place in the Mountain

BEAR RUN Dec 24—Mr and Mrs W L Stull of Brunswick Md were visiting the former s parents for a few days last week

C B Friend was a business caller at Connellsville Saturday

Mr and Mrs Reuben Lowery and Clarence Bailey and W L Stull were Connellsville visitors Monday

Mr and Mrs W L Stull were serenaded last Saturday evening by the boys Mr Stull handed them a $ bill

C F Koontz Robert Hyatt Samuel Bryner were business callers at Connellsville Tuesday

M C Skinner and son Abraham and W L Scarlett were business callers at Ohiopyle Wednesday

J L Stull was a business caller at Mill Run Wednesday

A M Woodmancy was transacting business at Ohiopyle Friday

C A Hull was a business caller at Connellsville Thursday

Ross Tissue was visiting friends at Confluence last week.

Earl Skinner is laid up with the mumps

Rev F S Wortman of Mill Run will preach at the Whig Corner Baptist Church next Sunday morning December 29 at 10 30 and in the evening at 7 30

George F Skinner Jr was a business caller at Ohiopyle Friday

Wesley Woodmancy is still on the sick list at this writing

G W Stewart was a business caller at Ohiopyle Saturday

Mrs David Bull and Samuel Milton of Bailey Point were shopping at Connellsville Saturday

Basil Carlitts met with an accident Wednesday while logging for August Stock Jr at Yough He caught his left leg between two logs and injured it severely

Mr and Mrs Jacob Friend and family of Mill Run were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday

Mr and Mrs J H Tissue and family and Mr and Mrs M C Skinner and son Olef attended the birthday party of A M Cunningham at Meadow Run on Saturday

Jesse McFarland was visiting friends in Ohiopyle Sunday

Jacob Schroyer living near Stewarton passed through here Sunday for ...

William Lowery of Dunbar was visiting friends here Sunday

Mrs ... and Bronson Daniels of Rock Spring were visiting at Bear Run Sunday

David Woodmancy is visiting friends at Indian Creek and Connellsville for a few days

Mr and Mrs J H Tissue and family will visit friends and relatives at Morgantown for a few days

Matthew Hayes who has been laid up with inflammatory rheumatism for some time is slowly improving

Basil and Stephen Carlitts left for their home at Confluence Saturday evening

Miss Mabel Tissue left recently for Connellsville where she is employed

Reuben Lowery will have a shooting on Tuesday

Mrs John L Stull is still on the sick list She is suffering with consumption

FAYETTE COURT RECORDS.

Deeds and Marriage Licenses Recorded the Past Few Days

Ira W Coldren and Maggie F Coldren to James Helmick lot of ground in Uniontown $ 90 December 24 1907

John B Sayers and Lyda M Sayers to Hiram D Sayers land in Perry township $700 December 14 1907

Charles B Rhodes and wife to James M Smith land in Uniontown $1 100 December 24 1907

John Burns to Mary J Demer land in Connellsville township $200 December 21 1907

William Beeson to the Trotter Water Company right to lay a pipe line through lands in North Union township $ 00 September 28 1907

Chas E Mueller and wife and John F Mueller to the Mueller Distilling Company property in Springhill township $110 December 1 1907

Calvin H Dils attorney in fact to Frank J Brownfield 69 acres of land in Jefferson township $4 00 December 9 1907

Edith E Herrington to Maude R McMillin lot in Bridgeport $200 December 4 1907

Carrie A Smilley to Robert L McMillin lot in Bridgeport $200 December 7 1907

John F Mueller and wife to the Mueller Distilling Company property in Springhill township $ 00 December 11 1907

Mary L Reichard and C C Reichard to Maude K McMillin lot in Brownsville $14 June 15 1 15

Charles S Hempstead and others to John Moeek property in New Salem $25 December 10 1907

Robert L McLaughlin and wife to Edward Arnett, house and lot in Vanderbilt $1 000 October 1 1907

Marriage Licenses

Charles F Wirsing Rulle and Dora Hille of Springhill township

Jacob Debort of Masontown and Mary J Stanley of Adah

J S Honsaker of Masontown and Ella Phillips of Greensboro

Franklin L Boone of Greensboro and Fannie Stone of Greensboro

Harry D Nicols and Ada B Franks both of Vanderbilt.

Robert S Brown of Brownsville and Mary M Angus of Uniontown

Harry B Lee of Pittsburg and Clantha Edwards of New Salem

Andrew Fetcher of Everson and Vera Hutchinson of Bethany

Charles C Anderson and Ida Spelcher both of Ohiopyle

Harry Porte held and Mary Johnson both of Springfield township

Walter I Brooks of Somerset county and Annie Sleigster of New Haven

Frank L Moore of Greensburg and Ola Dusenberg of Brownsville.

Laney Clopton and Henrietta Payne both of Vanderbilt

John Lilly and Florence Johnson both of Masontown

Walter I Smith of Friendsville Md and Anna M Kurtz of Fairchance

Jesse L Blosser of Cheat Haven and Rhea Hall of Confluence

August Kearns and Katie Winehart, both of East Millsboro

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As he came to this conclusion a turn in his walk brought him in sight again of the haunted back building, and he saw that the lighted window had become dark. "The ghost has gone to roost," he decided.

A moment later as he came around to the front of the house the light of a lamp illumined one of the upstairs bedroom windows, the room in which, as he knew, Ollie and Eunice slept. But a moment before he had passed the kitchen in which he had seen Ollie and her parents sitting about the table. Who, then, was in that upstairs room? No member of the Morningstar household would commit the extravagance of leaving a lamp burning in an empty room. Had the ghost wandered from the back room to the front one? But ghosts did not move by the light of kerosene lamps.

Presently in his circuit about the house he found that the trio in the kitchen had at last taken their lamps and gone upstairs, leaving the kitchen door unlatched for him and for the errant lovers.

Kinross felt an impulse of pity for Eunice as he thought of the retribution she would have to face on her return or on the morrow.

"But she never seems to mind the old lady's upbraidings; she takes them with an apparently philosophical calm," he thought. "I wonder whether, against all the stress that will be brought to bear upon her, she will with equal calmness and philosophy persist in her devotion to Abe. I should think she'd find it hard to hold out against the cold blooded obstinacy of that brutal old Morningstar—harder than against the woman's warm temper. I fancy the Dutchman could be cruel under some circumstances. Now, I'm inclined to think Eunice would fare better if she favored that sheep that came to court her this evening—Hen Mucklehenny. He looks inoffensive and soft hearted, while Abe Morningstar is a genuine son of his father—small souled, selfish and brutal. But she doesn't know that it is she Hen came to see, and the Morningstars will take care that she doesn't find it out. I might do her a good turn by telling her on the quiet."

His meditation turned at last from sheer weariness into another channel, and he fell to thinking of the awkward situation he would have to confront when, on his return to town, he should be obliged to meet Miss Ellery and Miss Parks in his true character. How he was going to carry it off was a question which not infrequently occupied his leisure moments.

"I wonder whether Georgiana was in the least shaken out of her orbit by the shock of Eunice's correcting her quotation from Izaak Walton and declining to be 'a recipient of charity'—that was the damsel's phraseology. If I remember. Probably not. She could hardly forget herself long enough to entertain more than a mere passing wonder about another woman.

"Her wishing to give that dress to Eunice—it was not because of any sympathy with Eunice; it was merely an exploiting of herself, an insistence upon her theories, which she feels set her above and apart from the common herd. If something could happen to her to knock out of her her own fool ideas of herself and make her just a simple, natural girl, why, with such beauty and distinction as she has, she might be a very charming woman."

He took his pipe from his mouth and clasped his hands behind him as he bent back his head to the stars while he dwelt upon the picture of a revised Georgiana which his fancy called up. He was just wondering whether the deception he was playing upon her in his disguise might not be made in some way to work such a revision in her when his attention was arrested by the sound of approaching carriage wheels.

In the quiet of the country evening the beat of the horse's hoofs could be heard from a distance, and he had time to decide that it was no doubt the buggy containing the truant lovers that was coming up the road and to wonder how their return would be met by the angry heads of the house when the vehicle drove in at the barn, and he saw as he strolled in that direction that Abe was alone.

What had the fellow done with Eunice? Kinross was surprised into a quick feeling of alarm for the girl's safety. He was on the point of stepping after Abe into the barn to inquire after her when he bethought him that he would do better to keep out of the "mixup."

"It's none of my business. Of course Abe would justly resent my solicitude for the girl."

So, with the reflection that he was living in the midst of fast thickening mysteries, he shook out his pipe and went indoors for the night.

To reach his bedroom he had to pass the opening to the long, narrow hall which led into the redoubtable back building, and it was just as he came to this passage that his step was arrested by something which gave him a momentary thrill of excitement. The lamp he carried shed a light down the passage, and his eye was caught by a white figure moving swiftly and noiselessly at the farthest end of it. Almost instantly the figure disappeared. Whether it had run around a turn in the hall or dissolved into ether he could not be sure. Was it a wraith or what? Should he pursue it? No; its garb was too suggestive of a woman's nightgown to make pursuit on his part advisable. He would get Mrs. Morningstar's permission to sleep down there some night, and then, if ghost it were, he would surely make its acquaintance.

With this conclusion and feeling actually exhausted with the evening's succession of episodes he went to bed.

CHAPTER XII.

KINROSS' aversion next morning to departing with his books into the woods, the small interest he felt in the philosophy of the schools as compared with the philosophy of the actual life of the Morningstar farmhouse, led him to risk exciting the suspicion of his fellow boarders, by "hanging round" the kitchen porch during the greater part of the forenoon.

On coming downstairs to his breakfast he had found Eunice, as usual, at her kitchen drudgery, moving about, as she always did, as though only half conscious of her surroundings. If as the result of last night's developments there had been a scene, the girl bore no sign of it.

He put a few leading questions to Mrs. Morningstar as she gave him his breakfast. This matter of his late and solitary breakfast had been a troublesome one to adjust in his assumption of the character of a farmhand, since not even his desire to retain his incognito would have induced him to get up to the family's 4 o'clock meal. He had finally, after considerable difficulty, negotiated with his landlady for breakfast in his room, except on such mornings as the coast was left clear by the early departure of the other boarders to the woods or "wherever," as Mrs. Morningstar referred to their wanderings.



"Och, her!"

"Well," he remarked as he broke an egg, while Mrs. Morningstar filled a glass with milk for him, "where was Eunice last night, anyway, when you were all looking for her?"

"Och, her!" snapped Mrs. Morningstar disparagingly. "Well, us we considered she'd went off buggy ridin' with Abe. The way she tries behind my back to make up with our Abe! I tell her she hasn't a shame, and after all I done fur her yet a'ready!"

"But she had not gone with Abe?"

"No; here when Ollie she went up to bed I guess near an hour after we was astin' you had you saw Eunice anywheres, why, there was Eunice in bed asleep. Ollie she waked her and ast her where was she awhile back when we was all lookin' fur her, and Eunice she got stubborn headed and wouldn't answer to Ollie. She's the worst stubborn head, that girl is! I just believe she was out somewheres makin' up to our Abe. But Abe he got rid of her and went to see some other one, I guess, fur he didn't come home till late."

Kinross wondered whether the fond mother of Abe really believed that he was the unwilling victim of Eunice's Machiavellian plots to attract him or whether her maternal jealousy merely invented this reluctance on his part.

"I don't know what's come over Eunice here lately," Mrs. Morningstar complained as she sawed thick slices from a huge loaf of homemade bread. "Till a couple days back she always minded to me and pop and done what she was tole. Here this mornin' I jawed her fur not takin' that frock Miss Ellery wanted to give her. I sayed to her what right had she to as good as throw away a frock when us we had to buy her all her clo'es, but she wouldn't make me no answer. Then pop he sayed she is to tell Miss Ellery she's changed her mind and will take the frock off of her if she wants her to, and Eunice she didn't make pop no answer neither. Then pop he sayed to her did she understand she was to do it as soon as the young ladies come down this mornin', and, mind you, Eunice she tole pop she wouldn't! To pop she sayed that! I couldn't hardly believe I heerd it. Why, our Ollie she wouldn't have the dare to tell pop she wouldn't!"

"And Eunice never did so before?"

"Well, I better guess she didn't!"

"But what do you suppose has made the worm suddenly turn—that is to say, how do you account for her asserting herself like that all at once?"

"Well," said Mrs. Morningstar, "to be sure, no person ever offered her no frock before."

"There's something in that," Kinross admitted.

"And then I wouldn't put it past her that she's spunkin' up because she thinks she's gettin' our Abe."

"He is a prize," granted Kinross, with apocryphal sarcasm.

"I guess, too," Mrs. Morningstar vigorously acquiesced in this view of her son.

"What did Mr. Morningstar do about it when Eunice refused to obey him?" inquired Kinross, with interest.

"Well, I never seen pop more surprised. He jawed her and he argued her till he didn't know what to say to her no more. But she just kep' her stubborn head and sayed she wouldn't do it to take the frock. Then pop tole her she needn't wear it herself—she could give it to Ollie after the boarders had went home a'ready. Well, then, Eunice sayed, if Ollie wanted to wear it she'd have to ast fur it herself. Pop explained her that it was some different, too, ag'in, fur Ollie to ast fur clo'es off of some one to what it was fur a 'dopted girl dependent on other folks."

Mrs. Morningstar as she talked stood with her back to the door which led into the summer kitchen and so occupied was she with her story that she did not hear Eunice's light step as the girl came into the room bearing a pile of dishes that had just been washed. The clatter of the plates as they were placed in the closet made her turn with a little start.

Eunice also turned and stood with her back to the closet as she lifted her head and looked at her foster mother.

Kinross, his breakfast untouched, watched her with almost breathless interest. He seemed always to get a new impression of her face when her usually downcast eyes were raised and the soul that looked out of them was, as it were, unveiled. Those dark, luminous eyes suggested an intensity of life within of which the customary stillness of her bearing gave no hint.

She came forward and stood at the table. Her face was pale, and she spoke in a low, musical voice, with its little peculiar thrill, which Kinross was beginning to find singularly haunting.

"I overheard what you were saying to Dr. Kinross."

It was the first time she had spoken his name in the whole month of his stay at the farm, and it fell on his ears strangely.

"I have made up my mind that if you feel my support a burden to you and if I don't earn the food and clothes you give me I shall go away and earn my living elsewhere."

Mrs. Morningstar, unmindful of her boarder, stared for an instant dumfounded. "You'll go away!" she repeated, with a half gasp. "Where'd you go, say?"

"I don't know. But I will no longer accept charity—from you or any one. If you think you bestow charity upon me, I will go away."

"You've got the right to stay here and work to pay us fur all them back years we kep' you before you was old enough to work fur your livin'!" retorted Mrs. Morningstar angrily. "You leave pop hear you speak about goin' away, and you'll see once!"

"Abe tells me that almost ever since you first took me I have really earned my living by the work I have done and that for a long time I have earned wages besides, which have not been paid me. So it would seem," she said, with a dreary little smile, "that you are recipients of charity from me."

"Abe tole you that there?" exclaimed the woman. "I don't believe it! Our Abe he ain't that dumm! Don't you darst to leave pop hear you say Abe spoke you such things! Do you hear? He'd jaw Abe turrible. Do you hear?" she demanded.

"Yes."

"Well, are you obeyin' to me?"

"I will not promise that."

"Eunice! How darst you say you won't to me? You never done it before. What's come over you?"

"Abe says," the girl repeated, "that you have no authority over me now that I am of age."

"And what, I'd like to know, makes Abe put such things as them in your head!" she desperately cried. "Well, pop'll soon get 'em out—you'll see! Here!" she commanded. "Clear off these here things!"

Obediently Eunice turned to gather up a handful of dishes, with which after a moment she left the room. She had not once looked at Kinross.

"Now, you see," complained Mrs Morningstar, "how she tries to work our Abe till she gits him to talk things agin his own pop and mom to her! To think he'd say that us we owe her wages yet! Och, my souls!"

It was beyond expression, and she dropped it and began vigorously to scrape the plates that had been left after the breakfast of the young ladies.

As Kinross mechanically finished his own breakfast he was more than ever lost in wonder at the girl's infatuation for Abe Morningstar. It seemed inconsistent with everything else about her. It made him feel an unreasoning impatience with her and put a damper upon the sympathy he would otherwise have felt for her situation. He was possessed, however, with a strong curiosity concerning her, and during all the rest of the day he was on the lookout for an opportunity to talk with her alone. He realized with a grim sense of the humor of it that it was the first time in his life he had ever voluntarily sought to talk with a girl.

He found himself astonished and annoyed as the hours went by to realize the difficulty, the well nigh impossibility, of finding the opportunity he sought. The girl herself added to the difficulty with her shy reserve and a certain dignity about her which made him feel almost guilty of an impertinence in seeking her confidence.

So intent was he upon securing the chance he desired that he carelessly let himself be discovered by Georgiana and Daisy loafing on the kitchen porch in the middle of the afternoon when they would naturally expect him to be in the fields with his employer.

"Have you a headache again this afternoon?" Daisy curiously inquired as the two girls, looking warm and tired from a long walk, sank upon the porch steps where he sat.

"Yes, I have it in my head somepin wonderful," he readily lied.

"I am surprised," declared Daisy, "that Mr. Morningstar would employ such an invalid as you are, Peter—as much on the make as he is."

"If farmhands wasn't so scarce to get," Peter answered, recklessly improvising Pennsylvania Dutch dialect, "he wouldn't keep me."

Mrs. Morningstar, who had stepped out to the porch bench to "pick over" a pan of gooseberries, just in time to hear this remark of Peter's, bent back her head and gave forth a loud laugh. "You bet he wouldn't!" she cried.

"Well, since you aren't working," Daisy suggested, "you can put in your time forgetting your headache by amusing me. Can you play euchre?"

"I don't play nothin' but hymn tunes."

"Oh, my gracious!" groaned Daisy. "Well, it isn't any of my business to butt in, but I should think," she observed reprovingly, "that you would at least make good your lost time, Pete, by helping Mrs. Morningstar to pick those berries. But I suppose," she added, taking on her air of acquiring useful information, "that to help a woman would not fall in with your ideas of manliness, would it? The Germans of rural Pennsylvania are just like the Germans of the fatherland in that respect at least—their lack of gallantry to women. I was in Germany three days last summer, and in all that time I never once saw a man chivalrously help a woman. And about here!" She rolled up her eyes expressively.

"Now," protested Pete, "I seen a native help a woman with a basket this mornin'."

"You must have been mistaken, Peter," Daisy said incredulously.

"No, I ain't neither. I seen him when he done it."

"Was he a Pennsylvania German?" she asked skeptically.

"Dutch as snitz."

"I'd like to make a note of it," she said, gathering up her pencil and book. "Tell me, Peter, what were the circumstances and how did he help her?"

"She was his wife, and he helped her fasten a basket on her back to carry into the village."

Daisy dropped her notebook and looked at Peter severely, while Georgiana gazed at him pensively.

"I am disappointed in you, Peter," Daisy said reproachfully. "Miss Ellery and I both supposed that you had fine though undeveloped perceptions or intuitions, which, with a little encouragement, might reveal you to yourself."

She turned her back on him in disdain and began to help Mrs. Morningstar with her berries. "You're not worth while, Peter," she cast at him over her shoulder. "A man with such views is capable of other underhand dealings."

Georgiana sighed. "If my faith in human nature were not very large I should believe that to give even a suggestion of real chivalry to a born Pennsylvania German was almost a psychic impossibility. Frankly, Peter, isn't it?"

"It may be that kind of an impossibility," answered Peter in a tone of reluctance to commit himself, "since you say so. I ain't denyin' no such statements."

"But, Peter, I had hopes of you that day you so nicely picked up my hatpin for me," said Georgiana in her patron-the-head tone of voice.

"Done it to see how the pin was made, that you could stick it through your skull and not kill yourself," he said, disclaiming any gallantry in the act.

Both the girls regarded him dubiously, but the stolidity of his face was impenetrable.

"Pete," said Daisy frankly, "sometimes I have a suspicion that you're foxy and are jollying us. Say, what dandy big gooseberries these are!" she exclaimed, with characteristic irrelevance, eating more than she picked, to Mrs. Morningstar's evident discomfort.

"Daisy," said Georgiana in a tone that dropped Peter and Mrs. Morningstar out of the conversation, "did you get any news in your letter from Belle?"

"News! Well, I should say! Don't you think—the Civic club in its prospectus for next winter's work has gone and put me—me—down for a paper!"

Consternation was in her face and voice. Georgiana smiled.

"About what?"

"A theme on which I can't possibly ask uncle to write the paper for me, 'The Bad Effect Upon the Morals of the Community of the Autumn Displays of Underwear In the Department Store Windows, Especially the Figures of Women in Nightgowns, and the Advisability of the Civic Club's Requesting the Removal of Such Demoralizing Displays.' That's my subject."

"If they look at the matter from a higher plane," said Georgiana, "they would see that it is their own minds that need to be regenerated rather than the shop windows."

"Let me take that down!" cried Daisy. "That shall be my opening sentence. I shall also suggest," she went on as she wrote, "as a preventive (or preventative, which is it?) of so many unhappy marriages, that in place of the exhibit of women in nightgowns they display a windowful of men in their pajamas. The preachers wouldn't have any jobs then!"

"You would better let me edit your paper before you stand up and read it to the club," Georgiana advised. "Does Belle write anything else?"

"Every one is out of town, she says, and there's nothing doing, and she says she can hardly wait until you come back and meet that new professor of psychology. Oh," exclaimed Daisy, with a little squeal of delight, "won't it be bully!"

Georgiana tried to look dignified, but only succeeded in looking interested and rather pleased.

"Isn't it perfectly killing, Georgie, the way every one seems to have settled things between you and that psychology man?"

Kinross leaned his back against a pillar of the porch and gave himself up to enjoying himself.

The young ladies meantime supposed their very language to be as incomprehensible to the farmer's wife and Pete as though they spoke a foreign tongue.

"Do you know," said Georgiana, her countenance softening with her pleasing reflections, "that even father has caught the infection of Dr. Kinross'—well, popularity (I dislike the word). You know he is not apt to notice such things, but he remarked to me several times that he had never seen a young man so turn the heads of all the women—even the married women!"

"But, Georgiana," complained Daisy, "then I shall hate him, I know. I always do hate a man I'm expected to like and approve of. And a fellow who makes all the girls hysterical about him—oh, I know I'll scrap with him!"

"He won't be apt to give you a chance if all they say of him is true," smiled Georgiana.

"I shall force him to see that I despise him!"

Georgiana laughed, then added: "Father himself told me that if he did not know Dr. Kinross he would think he must be a bounder, the way the girls and women make themselves silly about him. But the queer thing about it, father says, is that Dr. Kinross doesn't reciprocate their attentions at all and is rather a cynic—indifferent to women—indeed, rather afraid of them!"

"What a chump!" cried Daisy contemptuously. "That's worse yet. No, Georgie, I refuse to like that man. And if you don't jilt him I shall!"

"Jilt him? I trust my relations with him will be on a plane too high to admit of the possibility of any such vulgarity as jilting! A girl always knows it when a man is going to propose to her and"—

"Oh, no, she doesn't, Georgiana. I have often thought a man was going to propose to me—and he didn't."

"Father told me," continued Georgiana, scarcely heeding Daisy's flighty interpolations, "that it was a comfort to know that I was not capable of the weakness of such infatuation and that my self poise would always save me from making that kind of a fool of myself."

"Well, I should think so!" exclaimed Daisy warmly. "Oh, won't he have to go way back and sit down when he falls in love with you! I can hardly wait until I see it!"

"Wouldn't it be—eh—well, amusing," Georgiana granted, clasping her shapely hands about her knees and looking dreamy, "if after his adamantine front to all the other girls he should thaw to me?"

("Very amusing, indeed," thought Kinross.)

"Which of course he will," affirmed Daisy dogmatically, "for you're not like the other girls—you're on a higher plane."

"And so is he," said Georgiana lucidly, accepting Daisy's tribute complacently.

"Perhaps," Daisy reluctantly conceded, "but he must be perfectly horrid—a conceited prig—with all the girls flattering him so idiotically."

"We shall cure him of that," Georgiana smiled, her tongue suggesting a proprietorship which Kinross couldn't help thinking a little gratuitous.

"Father considers him able," Georgiana went on. "But," she added, "I have heard him say of him that he had 'a sarcastic tongue.' Now, sarcasm,"



"So she thinks she is going to bowl me over."

she dogmatized, "is not the expression of a high plane of thought, and perhaps," she said earnestly, "I may be able to help him to see life more sweetly and sanely."

("Not if I have any influence with myself," was Kinross' mental comment.)

While they talked they had now and then cast rather uneasy glances at Peter and Mrs. Morningstar, and she now leaned down and said something in a lowered voice to Georgiana.

Georgiana shook her head and answered aloud: "You need not be afraid. Their plane is so far below that of ourselves, Daisy, that they scarcely catch the sound of our voices when we speak, but if you feel any apprehensions"— Georgiana rose and shook out her skirts.

Daisy dropped her handful of gooseberries into Mrs. Morningstar's pan, and the two girls strolled away.

Kinross' eyes followed them thoughtfully, with a sense of pleasure in the symmetry of Miss Ellery's shapely shoulders, straight back and long, graceful movement.

"So she thinks she's going to bowl me over just as soon as I come within her range," he mused. "What will be the effect on her, I wonder, when she discovers she's been discussing me like that in my own presence? 'Their plane is so far below that of ourselves, Daisy, that they scarcely catch the sound of our voices when we speak.'"

A short laugh escaped him, which roused Mrs. Morningstar to speech.

"I make no doubt, Doc," she said, working busily while she talked, "that you kin understand them girls when they speak all them high words to each other. Ain't? It beats me what they're conwersin' about together. Still when they speak so educated that way—just like readin' out of the newspaper or whatever."

"I think they don't always understand themselves, Mrs. Morningstar."

"Now, think! Poll parrots, too, they don't know what they're sayin' neither. And educated people's the same," she repeated in surprise.

Kinross at this moment caught a glimpse through the window of Eunice alone in the kitchen.

"Here's my chance," he thought, rising from the porch steps.

"Say, Doc," Mrs. Morningstar stopped him, "if them girls ever finds out the joke you're playin' on 'em, pretendin' to be common like us when you're as tony as thairselves, I make no doubt they won't like it, Doc."

"I agree with you, Mrs. Morningstar. They won't like it."

"Supposin' they meet you in town there some time in your dude clo'es!" she said apprehensively. "To be sure, there's so many that lives in town it ain't likely you will run across each other."

"It's not merely likely, Mrs. Morningstar. They simply can't escape me."

"Not?" she cried. "Well, I guess you'll feel pretty cheap!"

"It is they who will feel inexpensive, Mrs. Morningstar. They'll be ready to sell themselves for half price on the bargain counter!"

He left her to puzzle over the problem as he turned away and went into the kitchen.

But the moment's delay had lost him his chance. Eunice had left the room by one door just as he was entering by the other.

CHAPTER XIII.

ON the evening of that same day Kinross, sitting on the grassy terrace by the front gate contemplating the dusty highway, was still puzzling over the problem of Eunice.

"Were she the Sleeping Beauty in the enchanted castle she couldn't be more inaccessible," was the conclusion to which he had come as, after seeing the whole family, including Eunice, go upstairs for the night, he had necessarily postponed his quest to the morrow.

"It looks as though I should be driven to communicate with her through correspondence even while here under the same roof with her!"

He was fairly wearied out with his speculations about her. For the first time he now found his disguise irksome, so much would he have liked freely to discuss the case with Miss Ellery. Surely that philosophical young woman was not so abnormally self engrossed as not to be curious also about Eunice. Perhaps if he gave her and Daisy an opportunity they would question him about the girl, thinking, of course, that he had known her long and intimately. It would be a relief, even under the hampering condition of his assumed character, to talk her over with some one. How had her extraordinary talk of the night before struck Miss Ellery anyway?

He had reached this point in his meditations when he was roused by the sound of a step behind him. All the family had gone to bed, so it must be the young ladies. They were coming to join him on the terrace.

"A mere farmhand is, after all, a man," he shrugged.

But this evening he felt an unusual readiness to welcome their society.

"If I can't investigate Eunice myself, at least I can now get at the impression she has made on others."

He tossed away the cigar he was smoking. It was of the brand smoked by Miss Ellery's father and quite too choice to be found in the possession of a farmhand. He hoped she wouldn't notice the aroma.

He turned around and looked up.

There before him, slim and pale in the starlight, stood Eunice, in the unexpectedness of her appearing suggesting to his startled fancy a vision of a Fra Angelico angel.

His astonishment left no room even for a passing regret for the excellent cigar so unnecessarily sacrificed.

There was a mingled timidity and dignity in her manner that brought him to his feet with an instinctive chivalry.

"Will you sit down with me?" he asked in a tone of uncertainty, for he could not guess just why she had come. She had always appeared to shun and even to be afraid of him. There was just now a pained sensitiveness in her fine face that revealed the struggle she was having with herself in approaching him like this.

"But you would rather not be intruded upon—even by me?" she asked wistfully, her voice low and trembling. "I mean," she hastily explained, "I don't count, of course, but perhaps you would rather be entirely alone?"

She had spoken so unhesitatingly last night to Miss Ellery. Why should she falter like this, in such agony of embarrassment, when speaking to him? True, she had talked to Georgiana under stress of a sudden strong impulse—she had been caught unawares, as it were—that had been manifest enough. Still, in spite of his own lifelong battle with shyness, he couldn't quite understand why any girl under the sun should be bashful with him. Certainly his experience with bashful girls had been limited—or, rather, nil.

"Ever since last night," he said to her, "I have been looking for an opportunity to talk with you."

He saw the color flood her cheeks and her bosom rise and fall in a long, deep breath.

"You have wanted to talk with me?" she breathed.

"It's the only thing I have wanted ever since last night."

"Since last night?"

"Yes, since last night—naturally."

"Is it," she asked, "that you are concerned in this controversy about Miss Ellery's frock?"

"No"—he repressed a smile—"it is not about Miss Ellery's frock I wanted to talk to you."

It was evident that the episode of the frock had been, to her mind, the only notable one of the previous evening.

"Let us sit down," he repeated.

Her face lighted up as she obeyed him with a brightness that transformed it. He marveled why she should in one moment shrink from him and falter in painful shyness and the next be radiant with pleasure. To him the reason for the transformation was not apparent.

"What made you say you don't count?" he began as he seated himself beside her.

"You said so—that evening—by the fence."

"When I said you didn't annoy me? But I didn't mean that!"

"What did you mean then?" The question seemed to spring from her without her volition.

What had he meant, indeed?

"I suppose," he speculated, "I meant that you interest me too much to annoy me."

"And the young ladies—you avoid them because they don't interest you?"

Was there a note of eagerness in her wistful voice? And to think that she should volunteer to ask him questions! If he could make her feel more at ease with him, perhaps he could get her to talk to him of herself. His pulse bounded with pleasure in anticipation of his quest of her secret, and he felt a thrill of satisfaction in his present isolation with her.

"I can't say they don't interest me. Everybody interests me, even Ollie, even Abe!"

He looked at her narrowly as he spoke her lover's name with this intimation of his insignificance. He could not see whether or not it disturbed her.

"But," he went on, "there are degrees of interest. None of them have a mystery about them."

Her face as she listened to him expressed anxious attention, like one who tries to follow a foreign tongue, and she seemed to weigh for a moment all that he said before she answered.

"But neither have I a mystery about me," she replied wonderingly. "A mystery?"

"Haven't you?" he questioned gravely in the tone of one reproving a child for telling a fib.

"Indeed, no." She shook her head in denial of such an accusation. "I haven't."

"No? I'm surprised to hear it, for, do you know, you seem to me the most mysterious young person I ever met!"

"I do," she marveled. "But why?" In her astonishment she was forgetting her shyness. "Unless," she attempted to explain it, "you find me mysterious because I am so simple. If all the young ladies you know are complex like Miss Ellery"—

"Heaven forbid!"

"Don't you like her?" she asked again with that note of wistfulness which this time included an accent of pity for Miss Ellery.

"I love her!" he declared with a whimsical exaggeration that he hoped would dispose of Miss Ellery finally. "That's why I wouldn't have all the young ladies I know made after her pattern, you see."

She started at his words, and suddenly the radiance seemed to die out of her face, leaving it mournful.

"You—you love her!" she said falteringly.

"Of course I love her! The difference between you and Miss Ellery," he went on, following the idea in his own mind and not seeing in the dimness the pallid hopelessness that had come to her face, "is that Miss Ellery thinks she's complex, but isn't, and you think you're simple, but aren't. And the most mysterious thing about you is that you hadn't noticed it yourself—that you were mysterious, I mean. I don't see how it escaped you."

She did not answer him.

"For instance, why are you so different from Ollie when you two have had the same rearing?"

She swallowed hard and seemed to make an effort to speak to him.

"Is that a mystery?" she said. "But it is easily explained. We are not of the same parentage."

"Do you know anything of your own parents?"

There was a scarcely perceptible hesitation before she answered.

"No." Her voice sounded remote, as though she shrank from his questioning.

"That in itself is strange, isn't it?" he ventured, hesitating to force his investigations against her evident reluctance, but his keen curiosity getting the better of his finer feeling.

"I suppose it is," she answered, her voice subdued, her eyes downcast.

"Do Mr. and Mrs. Morningstar know nothing about your parents?"

"I don't know."

"But have you never asked them?"

"I have never discussed it with them."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

TWELVE DARR MINE VICTIMS BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL.

Were All Foreigners and Members of the Magyar, Greek and Lutheran Churches, Chiefly of the Former.

AN ORDER FOR FIFTY GRAVES.

Women Are Fearsome That the Bodies of Their Relatives Will Become Mixed Up on Their Arrival Here and Grow Excited—Cemetery Resembles Sight of a Large Building Operation With the Many Graves That Are Being Dug.

By Geo. S. Connell, Staff Correspondent.

A gruesome scene was witnessed Tuesday at the P. & L. E. depot when 12 of the Darr mine victims were brought here for burial. Five hearses, four dead wagons, and two large delivery wagons were required to take the bodies from the depot to the various churches and carry the rough boxes to the cemeteries.

Two of the bodies were taken to the Slavish Lutheran Church, two to the Greek Catholic Church and eight to St. Emory Hungarian Catholic Church. The ministers of the churches accompanied the bodies from Jacobs Creek to the churches and assisted in the work of preventing any mix up in the bodies. Each rough box was labeled with the death certificate and the name of the victim and in addition to this each casket also bore the name of the man within it.

The bodies buried from the Lake Erie station are as follows: William Horvat, Andrew Mihaly, Martin Hrivnak, John Gesenko, John Baraconyi, Daniel Beracs, John Legds, Demeter Vardi, Kristoff Vekasi, George Ehrling, Elias Fabry and Frank Barakomzi.

Little excitement attended the arrival of the bodies, but few persons knowing that they were to be brought in. It was after the train stopped and the unloading began that there was some confusion. The widows of the men created the greatest commotion by getting in the way of the undertakers and searching frantically for the box which held the remains of her relative. All the boxes were arranged in a line along the platform and it was not until all were taken from the train that the hus were taken from the boxes. The ministers here rendered valuable assistance in getting the bodies arranged so that they would be taken to the proper churches. Had they not been on hand it would have been difficult to learn where the bodies were to be taken.

The fraternal societies to which the men belonged came along with the dead in large numbers and there were many hands to assist in taking the boxes from the crowded car. Each hearse was followed from the depot by a delegation from some society to the churches were services were held. Rev. D'Zubay looked after the dead taken to the Greek Catholic Church; Rev. M. Tomaschka saw to the dead taken to the Slavish Lutheran Church, and Rev. Adam Blietz, who had the larger number of the dead looked to all details of the victims taken to St. Emory Hungarian Church.

Hardly had the first coffin been taken from the train until a tall woman clad in black, and almost dragging a little light haired boy, ran up to the box and eagerly scanned the certificate. The boxes then began to pile up along the pavement and she came very nearly being knocked down several times as she pushed her way out and in among the boxes reading every death certificate. Suddenly she found the box she was looking for and with tears running down her face, she went to Rev. Tomaschka and pleaded to have the casket taken from it and carried to the church with all haste. She was quickly accommodated, for the undertakers were already unscrewing the lid and the black casket came forth in a minute, was placed in the hearse and taken to the church as quickly as possible.

Hill Grove Cemetery Tuesday in the plot near the poor section, represented a peculiar scene. It looked more like excavation work for an immense building is going on, instead of digging graves for the dead. Joseph L. Stader Tuesday morning received an order to prepare 50 graves to inter the dead of Darr mine in, and workmen have already started to dig the holes that will cover the caskets. Of the 12 brought here for burial Tuesday, two were interred in Hill Grove and the balance interred in St. Emory's Cemetery. This is a new cemetery, but it already is beginning to look like it will be quickly filled with graves made all at the same time.

It seems as though St. Emory's congregation, which recently erected the handsome new church on Arch street is to suffer the most severe of all the churches in the neighborhood of the disaster, and it is now fully believed that 100 male members of the congregation have lost their lives at Darr. A census taken the day following the explosion showed that 110 members of the congregation were in the mine when it went up.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 26.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon 168 bodies had been recovered from the depths of Darr mines, where it is estimated that 225 men were blown to eternity by an explosion of gas last Thursday. Of the bodies that have been brought to the surface, a large proportion are unidentified and will probably remain so. The last recovered are badly mutilated and it is only possible to identify them by the soiled and stained effects which are placed in a bundle on each casket.

All of these last bodies are so badly decomposed that it is impossible to do anything with them. The force at work in the morgue near the pit mouth are now forced to place the remains in a casket as quickly as possible. It would be impossible to embalm most of them, and the cleaning process must, of necessity, be hasty.

Faces are black as the coal which lured its victims into the mines; tongues protrude, while those whose eyeballs still remain, stare gruesome and unseeing into space. Every feature is distorted; friends and relatives would be unable, by them, to recognize loved ones who are known to have been killed.

Coroner A. C. Wynn this morning empaneled the following jury:

Noah E. Rhodes, foreman.
William M. Saunders.
Thomas T. Francis.
David H. Smith.
Albert Z. Lynn.
Samuel Bateman

The jury viewed some of the victims and will meet at some future date, not yet decided, to hold the inquest.

Identified Dead.

The dead identified this morning are as follows:

Clark Adams, aged 30, single; Shamokin, Pa.
John Arva, aged 42, married; Van Meter.
Mike Hartler, aged 42, single; Jacobs Creek.
Frank Gyirl, aged 38, married; Jacobs Creek.
Joseph Yarga, Jr., aged 23, single; Van Meter.
Mike Dominas, Jr., aged 27, married; Van Meter.
Steve Bodnar, aged 32, married; Van Meter.
Filippo Pradelli, aged 28, married; Van Meter.
William W. Hough, aged 34, married; Jacobs Creek.
Alex Mihaley, aged 20, single; residence unknown.
Charles B. Guyan, aged 16, single; Jacobs Creek.
James Hood, Jr., aged 14, single; Jacobs Creek.
Steif Saifer, aged 25, married; Jacobs Creek.
John Klayn, aged 50, married; Van Meter.
George Newhouse, Jr., aged 14, trapper boy; Jacobs Creek.
Albert Cosaro, aged 14, trapper boy; Van Meter.
Benomi Nicholson, aged 33, married; Van Meter.
John Koresy, Jr., aged 24, married; Van Meter.
George Regina, awed 33, married; Van Meter.
Lewis Cseh, aged 24, single; Van Meter.
Steve Saifer, aged 25, married; Van Meter.
Martin Sranko, aked 24, single; Van Meter.
Joseph Mihaley, aged 26, married; Van Meter.
Tomasco Desio, aged 28, married; Van Meter.

At 11 o'clock rescuers reached the butt headings in No 27 entry, where it is known that over 100 of the entombed miners were at work. Evidence is that the explosion must have occurred near this point. Pit cars are upturned, posts and mine timbers blown to pieces and many of the men horribly mutilated. Owing to the fearful stench of the place it is impossible for the parties to remain any length of time. Bodies were quickly loaded on pit cars and taken to the surface. Several pit wagons are being used for this purpose. It is planned to bring bodies out throughout this afternoon and the men are working at the highest possible speed to end their gruesome task. In all 35 bodies were recovered this morning.

The detail of State Constabulary has been reduced to three men while the company has discharged most of its watchmen. Spectators are not attending in great numbers and the best of order prevails.

The Pittsburg Coal Company did everything possible to make Christmas as bright for the living as could be expected under the circumstances. Hundreds of fatherless lads were made happy by generous gifts of toys contributed by McKeesport citizens.

General Manager G. W. Schluderberg made the following statement to The Courier this morning:

"Up to the present time we have recovered 107 bodies and expect to remove all victims from the mine today and tomorrow. Rescuing parties are encountering obstructions in penetrating the workings and progress with such speed consistent with safety. Not since the explosion have the relief gangs been permitted to rush heedlessly into the pit. We have directed them to go slow and sure.

"The parties are now working in No. 27 entry. It is in this neighborhood we think the explosion occurred. Between entries Nos. 27 and 29 there are 10 pairs of butt headings, and in these most of the men in the mine were at work."

Mr. Schluderberg deplored the reckless stories that have been circulated through newspapers of a "yellow" tendency.

"This affair was bad enough as it is," he said, "without being exaggerated. I haven't had time to read the newspapers, but I appreciate those which tried to print accurate and truthful stories."

A case of mistaken identity occurred in the morgue when Body No. 37 was said by a brother to have been Luigi Exposito. Such was not the case. It happened that a foreigner, who since became badly intoxicated, had been working in the same room with Exposito on the morning of the explosion. He left the mine before it was blown up and yesterday was able to state exactly what clothes the victim wore. The body which had been identified as Exposito had not been disturbed and an investigation was made. The result was that Body No. 53 answered the description of the foreigner and was identified as that of Exposito beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Clark Adams, whose body has been recovered and identified, was a stranger to Van Meter people until a few weeks ago, but was as well known as many of the oldest men in the mine. Adams was a friend of Superintendent William Kelvington, and came to Darr mine after Kelvington took charge. He is believed to have been worth considerable money. Adams was a member of the famous Coxey's army which marched to Washington several years ago. Relatives living near Shamokin have been notified of the man's death and will come to take charge of the body.

The bodies of Steve Bodnar and Joseph Vega, Sr., were shipped to Connellsville this morning in charge of Undertaker J. E. Sims. Bodnar's wife accompanied his body to its final resting place. She was much affected.

There were no funerals yesterday but several will be held today. A number of unidentified victims will be laid to rest as it would be a menace to public health to keep them longer. There is practically no hope that any of these could be identified.

Christmas was a gloomy day in Jacobs Creek and the surrounding territory. The detail of State Constables had a busy time at the morgue, for some harrowing scenes were enacted. Men and women fainted. Calls for physicians were almost of common occurrence. Several drunken men were ejected. Several morgue. Those on duty tell pitiful tales of strong men and stoical women who broke down as they gazed at the horribly mutilated faces in the caskets. Several fainted on the spot.

Little was accomplished yesterday in the way of removing bodies, but early this morning the work was resumed in full force.

Rescuing parties who have worked under the direction of Mine Inspector Williams of Connellsville are loud in their praise of his conduct. Since he first went to work Williams has led his party. He would not let a man advance until he had personally ascertained actual conditions as they exist. In some places he penetrated into dangerously gaseous sections, but not until he thought there was no danger would he permit his men to follow.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 27.—The grim and relentless hand of death stopped not with the lowly miners entombed in the depths of Darr mine, for this morning word was received of the death of Mrs. G. W. Schluderberg, wife of the General Manager of the Pittsburg Coal Company. The stricken husband left the scene of last week's disaster for the first time since it occurred when he boarded a special train for Pittsburg a few minutes after the word was learned.

Mrs. Schluderberg had been ill for some time. The lines of care written on the face of the ever energetic and obliging official were not altogether on account of the terrible calamity his company has sustained, as many thought, but because of the ill health of his life's companion.

Since the accident occurred Mr. Schluderberg has been constantly on the scene. An experienced mine man, he threw every talent he possessed in directing the work of rescue at the mine. Day and night he urged his men with tireless energy and none was more earnest and self-sacrificing in the work than he.

Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 125 bodies had been removed from the mine and 23 more have been located and will be brought to the surface within an hour or so. This will swell the total number of victims to 175.

It is impossible to convince most of the people living here that fully 300 did not perish in the explosion, but officials of the Pittsburg Coal Company maintain that the list will not exceed 225. It is expected that the last bodies will be removed before tomorrow morning.

The usual sad scenes are being enacted in and about the tented morgue. The last bodies brought out are badly mangled and in a state of decomposition. The odors which arise are sickening. The following bodies have been identified:

Steve Mihaley, aged 24, married; Jacobs Creek.
Salvatore Florn, aged 33, married; Van Meter.
George Lusso, aged 18, single; Van Meter.
Paul Klas, Jr., aged 21, single; Van Meter.
Edward Schleis, aged 45, single; Van Meter.
Joseph Smodi, aged 23, single; Van Meter.
Frank Ward, aged 42, married; Jacobs Creek.
Andrew Studies, aged 22, single; Van Meter.
John Tozfer, aged 21, single; Van Meter.
Andrew Berzsi, aged 35, married; Van Meter.
Charles Bolpick, aged 24, single; Van Meter.
Samuel Kral, Jr., aged 27, single; Van Meter.
Andrew Heder, aged 20, single; Van Meter.
Joseph Zul, aged 38, married; Van Meter.
Joseph Thomes, aged 52, married; Van Meter.
John Nedimeyer, aged 35, married; Jacobs Creek.
Jacob Shuster, aged 23, married; Jacobs Creek.
Hugh Stangrom, aged 19, single; Jacobs Creek.
George Matro, aged 24, single; Van Meter.
Martin Voloch, aged 52, married; Van Meter.
John Vanko, aged 40, married; Van Meter.
Lewis Cseh, aged 24, single; Van Meter.

Arrangements are being made to bring the carcasses of several of the dead horses and mules out of the mine tomorrow. It is said that these will be shipped to Reduction.

The body of Hugh Stangrom will be shipped to Vanderbilt for interment tomorrow. Services will be held in the Presbyterian Church there, Rev. T. F. Kerr officiating. Young Stangrom, who plays in the Jacobs Creek band, was on night turn, but traded with his father in order that he might be off the next night.

Eight bodies, victims of the Darr mine explosion, were sent to Connellsville last evening over the P. & L. E. railroad and taken to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's rooms. The bodies will be interred this afternoon in Hill Grove Cemetery. The names of the dead men are as follows: Martin Valach, aged 52 years; Charles Bolpick, aged 24 years; Martin Sramko, aged 24 years; John Yanko, aged 40 years; Joseph Thomes, aged 52 years; Louis Oesh, aged 24 years; Samuel Kral, Jr., aged 27 years, and John Klayo, aged 50 years.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 28.—With the last 32 bodies brought out of the ill fated Darr mine during the night, the total number of victims reaches 220. It is believed that other bodies, from 12 to 30, will be found buried beneath falls of slate and coal. Officials of the Pittsburg Coal Company deny that this number will exceed five or six. The last bodies brought out are in a much better state of preservation than was expected. With the exception of those victims who are buried beneath small falls, all the bodies have been brought to the surface.

Coroner C. A. Wynn this morning announced that the Coroner's inquest into the disaster will be held at Smithton on the afternoon of January 3. The jury has already been empaneled and viewed several of the bodies.

Only three Americans have been identified since yesterday. They are:

August Paegert, aged 62, married; Smithton.
Carl Paegert, aged 35, son of August; Smithton.
Steve Bischer, age unknown; formerly lived at Connellsville.

The body of Bischer will be shipped to Connellsville this evening. He is the brother of Joseph Bischer of town. He formerly lived here and was well known.

A large number of bodies will be shipped to Connellsville on this evening's P. & L. E. train. Twenty-two were sent there last evening for interment.

The detail of the State Constabulary has been reduced to one man and he will likely be recalled tomorrow or next day. There has been a noticeable lack of disorder ever since the calamity occurred over a week ago.

Fourteen bodies, victims of the Darr mine disaster were brought here Friday over the P. & L. E. railroad and taken to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's rooms. The names of the dead men are as follows:

Mike Migo, aged 35 years; Peter Merdolo, aged 24 years; John Garemska, aged 49 years, Steve Somich, aged 37 years; Andrew Contra, aged 19 years; John Honesko, aged 22 years; John Trucko, aged 17 years; Istvan Treska, aged 36 years; Mike Sokal, aged 28 years; George Oviler, aged 28 years; Steve Mardola, aged 17 years; Paul Kiss, Jr., aged 21 years; Andy Svab, Jr., aged 28 years and Mike Plane, aged 19 years.

Migo, Contra and Honesko were members of Rev. Tomaschka's congregation and their bodies were interred in Hill Grove cemetery. The remaining bodies were interred in the Greek cemetery at Leisenring No. 1.

Two more bodies were sent from Jacobs Creek at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

The following bodies of the Darr mine victims were brought to the undertaking establishment of J. E. Sims last evening and were buried with appropriate services Saturday in the St. Emory Hungarian cemetery, Rev. Adam Bliesz officiating:

George Regina, Jr., aged 22; George Terda, aged 35; Emory Krajnjk, aged 41; Joseph Somodi, Jr., aged 23; John Toth, aged 30; Joseph Szladisc, aged 27; Andrew Sladics, aged 22; Andrew Berzsi, aged 35.

WILL GIVE LOT.

John Duggan Makes Offer to Relief Committee for Benefit of Darr Mine Sufferers.

John Duggan of New Haven has made an offer to the Connellsville and New Haven Darr Mine Relief Committee that will net the widows and orphans of the victims of last Thursday's explosion about $300. Mr. Duggan will donate a lot in Greenwood worth $300 to the Relief Committee to dispose of in the manner they may think best to raise the most money. The lot is a valuable one, well located, and yesterday was generously offered to the Relief Committee by Mr. Duggan.

The offer was now made, as stated in a local paper, as a place of burial for the Darr mine victims. All expenses of burial of the Darr mine victims are assumed by the Pittsburg Coal Company.

Reward Offered.

A $300 reward has been offered by the County Commissioners for evidence which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the foreigner who shot and killed Dominic Carrotta, a beer agent.

BLACK HAND AGAIN BUSY; BROWNSVILLE HOME BLOWN UP.

Attempt Made on the Life of Frediani, Who Received Threatening Letter Some Weeks Ago.

DYNAMITE FAILED TO EXPLODE.

Damage by Powder Was Considerable and Noise of the Report Awakened the Monongahela River Town—Occupants of House Uninjured.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 28.—Excellent grounds for the current belief that the Black Hand Society is operating in the Monongahela valley was furnished at an early hour this morning when the home of R. Frediana was partially destroyed by an explosion of powder. Subsequent investigation disclosed that two dynamite sticks failed to go off, and this undoubtedly saved the life of both Frediani and his wife, who were sleeping in a room on the second floor.

Some weeks ago Frediani received a Black Hand letter postmarked Cleveland, directing him to go to New York and turn over $10,000 to a party who was to meet him there. Frediani didn't go and since then has lived in mortal terror of his life.

It is believed the attempt to blow up his Front street home this morning is a consequence of his failure to turn over the required sum. Nearly every window in the house was smashed and the walls partially destroyed. A fuse which gave evidence of having been extinguished after lighting, was found a short distance from the building.

CAPT. HURST RESIGNS.

Philippine Veteran Gives Up Command at Mt. Pleasant.

Capt. Nathaniel J. Hurst, the popular commander of Company E, Tenth Regiment, Mt. Pleasant, has resigned. The Mt. Pleasant soldier finds that his business would not permit him to devote as much time to Guard and Company matters as he desired and he resigned, much to his own regret and also greatly to the regret of his men and the Guard generally. Captain Hurst is a Philippine veteran.

CATE'S CASE.

Records Have Been Returned from the Supreme Court Who Will Pass on His Trial.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 28—The records in the case of William Cate, convicted of first degree murder for the killing of Chief of Police Thomas L. Guess at Belle Vernon May 16, 1907, have been returned from the Supreme Court in order that a paper book be printed. The matter was appealed several months ago but held up in the higher court on account of the loss of the stenographer's note book in which a portion of the testimony produced at the trial was recorded. Final disposition of the case was put off from time to time in the hope that the missing book might be located. The matter will be disposed of in a short time.

One of the main reasons assigned in support of the motion for a new trial is that physicians have been found in Tennessee, the old home of Cate, who will testify in case of a new trial that the accused was mentally unaccountable at the time he fired the fatal shot, because of some injuries received to his head when a young man in the Southern State. Mrs. Rhoda Cate, the wife of the condemned man, has gone to her former home in the South.

GRIP PREVALENT.

Scores of Persons in Town Are Laid Up With It from This Mild Weather.

The grip has fastened its grip in town and it is said that the epidemic in Western Pennsylvania is worse this year than ever before. Its suddenness is rather disconcerting in many instances. Men who have been feeling fine are suddenly taken with a high fever, the aches and pains that accompany the malady.

Sneezing, frequent expectoration, fever, headache, tearful eyes and pains in the back and limbs are symptoms of the disorder. Local physicians say that the affliction has spread to an unusual extent and even some of the dispensers of prescriptions are not immune.

The usual course of the disease is 10 days. Physicians advise those feeling a warning approach of grip symptoms to seek their downy beds and keep quiet for a while.

SHOT FOREIGNER.

But Constable Hibbs Aimed at a Dog and Squire Faces Perplexing Problem.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 28.—Yesterday afternoon Constable Hibbs of Redstone township went out in search of some worthless and taxless dogs to annihilate. He reached a house where he found a victim. Pulling his big .38, Hibbs took careful aim and banged away.

At the psycological moment Mister Dog vamoosed. The bullet struck the ground and, glancing off, hit a Hungarian in the leg.

The foreigner prosecuted the Constable before Squire Ross. The Squire continued the hearing until he could consult with the District Attorney and ascertain if there are grounds for an action.

SUSSINO KILLED.

Prominent Foreigner Victim of Big Powder Explosion at Palermo Some Days Ago.

Word has been received here of the death of Joseph Sussino, former leader of Sussino's Italian Band, at Palermo in a big powder explosion which occurred at Palermo, Italy, about 10 days ago. It was also reported that Sussino's son was killed, but this has not been confirmed.

Mr. Sussino was prominent in the local Italian colony. He organized the band which bears his name. Some weeks ago he returned to Italy and was staying at Palermo at the time of the explosion.

News of his death has caused much regret among the Italians here. He was very popular among them.

The Weekly Courier $1.50 a year.

BRAKEMAN HURT.

George H. Keyes Knocked From Car and is in the Cumberland Hospital.

George H. Keyes of South Connellsville, a well known B. & O. brakeman, is at the Cumberland hospital in a serious condition as the result of an accident with which he met near Cumberland Christmas morning. He was knocked off the tender of the engine by a train on the opposite track and was dragged for quite a distance.

He has several ribs broken and is badly bruised about the body. Mrs. Keyes and children left this afternoon for Cumberland where they will remain until Mr. Keyes is out of danger.

MASONIC APPOINTMENTS.

Officials Appointed for this Section of Western Pennsylvania.

Following the installation of Grand Master Orlady of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Order of Masons in Philadelphia, a large number of appointments were made by the new Grand Master. E. C. Loughrey of West Newton was appointed a grand chaplain. John S. Sell was appointed district deputy for the county of Westmoreland, except lodges, Nos. 617 and 638. George B. Frantz of Coal Center was appointed district deputy for the lodges No. 643 in Fayette county and Lodge No. 638 in Westmoreland county.

SUFFERED WITH ECZEMA 25 YEARS

Limb Peeled and Foot Was Like Raw Flesh—Had to Use Crutches, and Doctors Thought Amputation Necessary — Montreal Woman Writes of Cure Seven Years Ago.

BELIEVES LIFE SAVED BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"I have been treated by doctors for twenty-five years for a bad case of eczema on my leg. They did their best, but failed to cure it. My doctor had advised me to have my leg cut off, but I said I would try the Cuticura Remedies first. He said, "Try them if you like, but I do not think they will do any good." At this time my leg was peeled from the knee, my foot was like a piece of raw flesh, and I had to walk on crutches. I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment, and a bottle of Cuticura Pills. After the first two treatments the swelling went down, and in two months my leg was cured and the new skin came on. The doctor could not believe his own eyes when he saw that Cuticura had cured me and said that he would use it for his own patients. I used two cakes of Cuticura Soap, three boxes of Ointment, and five bottles of Resolvent, and I have now been cured over seven years, and but for the Cuticura Remedies I might have lost my life. I have lots of grandchildren, and they are frequent users of Cuticura, and I always recommend it to the many people whom my business brings to my house every day. Mrs. Jean-Baptiste Renaud, clairvoyant, 277, Montana St., Montreal, Que., Feb. 20, 1907."



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Rest for Mothers.

Instant relief and refreshing sleep for skin-tortured babies, and rest for tired, fretted mothers, in warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure, and purest of emollients.

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Mailed Free, Cuticura Book on Skin Diseases.

OFFICERS ELECTED

By Boon Castle No. 125 A. O. K. of M. C. at Vanderbilt Thursday Night.

VANDERBILT, Dec. 28.—Boon Castle, No. 125, A. O. K. of M. C., on last Thursday night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knight Commander, Harry McCracken; Sr. Knight Vice Commander, Oliver Cooper; Marshall, Jesse Fulmer; Inside Guard, William Newell; Outside Guard, R. E. Goe; Trustee, Rev. T. F. Kerr; Chaplain, William Wilson. The officers of the organization will meet in a few days and audit the books for the term ending December 31. The order is in good shape and is growing in number right along.

This Castle has a degree team which confers the initiation with the use of the rituals.

Receipts for Darr Mine Victims.

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MILLION TONS OF COAL MINED DAILY.

Year of 1907 Will Establish Remarkable Record in Bituminous Coal Trade.

GROWTH IN THIRTY YEARS.

Illinois and Pennsylvania Then Required One Year to Produce as Much Coal as It Now Takes a Month to Do It In—West Virginia's Prominence.

Frederick E. Saward, Editor Coal Trade Journal, in Manufacturers' Record.

This year of 1907 is a record one for coal production of all kinds, and particularly is this shown in the output of bituminous coal, which will aggregate a volume that would have been unthought of, say, even five years ago. Here we are with over 1,000,000 tons a day put out of the mines, and until a few weeks ago there was not "enough to go around." A few facts in regard to the growth of the soft coal trade of this country are of more than passing interest at this time.

Only 30 odd years ago Illinois and Pennsylvania took a year to produce a tonnage that now could be (and is) turned out in one month, while West Virginia in 1907 produces in less than a week as much coal as was produced in that State in the year 1869.

Particularly noticeable is the growth of the soft coal tonnage in the last half dozen years. It might reasonably be supposed that with output on such a large scale the rate of increase would become smaller, but it goes forward with mighty strides, and a prolongation of the line of output indicates a tonnage of 500,000,000 tons, 1,500,000 tons a day for every day in the year, practically, at a time no further distant than 1912. At present the bituminous tonnage is more than five times as great as the anthracite output. Pennsylvania continues to supply its full proportion of the entire output, and (including anthracite output) turns out nearly as much coal as all the other States together.

The bituminous coal trade has quintupled since 1885. The increase alone of 1903 as compared with 1900 is as much as the whole aggregate output of the United States in all years prior to 1857, and since 1903 the tonnage has grown 80,000,000 tons.

Since 1896 the increase in tonnage has been constant (save for a standstill in 1904) and has amounted in all to 230,000,000 tons, and has nearly trebled the tonnage in 10 years. The bituminous trade may now be said to be six times as large in volume as the anthracite business. It is three times as great now as it was no further back than 1894, and five times as great as in 1885.

The output this year will be as great as the total production for all years prior to 1874, and adding the output of 1906 and 1907 we have a tonnage equal to all the business prior to 1882.

Scarcely less noticeable than the volume of the bituminous business is the concentration of control, so that now a score or more companies control a tonnage equal to fully one-third of all the soft coal used in the United States, and as to the utilization of bituminous coal, there appears no reason, despite the large increase in tonnage, to change the assertion of a few years back that nearly one-half of the whole output, aside from that exported or used for coke-making, is used by the railway and steam navigation companies of the United States and Canada.

The prominent factors dominating soft coal operations are as follows:

Companies.	Annual Output.
H. C. Frick Coke Co. and allied interests	24,350,000
Pittsburg Coal Co.	21,000,000
Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Co.	7,000,000
Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Co.	6,000,000
Keystone Coal & Coke Co.	5,000,000
Berwind-White Coal Min'g Co.	5,000,000
Pennsylvania, Beech Creek, & Eastern Coal Co.	4,500,000
Westmoreland Coal Co.	2,500,000
Vesta Coal Co.	2,500,000
Pittsburg & Westmoreland Coal Co.	2,000,000
W. J. Rainey	1,500,000
Cambria Steel Co.	1,500,000
United Coal Co.	1,500,000
Total for Pennsylvania	84,350,000
Watson interests (West Va.)	9,000,000
Davis Coal & Coke Co. (West Va.)	1,500,000
Consolidated Coal Co. (Illinois)	2,500,000
Chicago, Wilmington & Vermillion Coal Co. (Illinois)	1,250,000
Spring Valley Coal Co. (Illinois)	1,250,000
Madison Coal Co. (Illinois)	1,250,000
Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Co. (Virginia)	2,500,000
Sunday Creek Co. (Ohio)	8,000,000
J. W. Ellsworth & Co. (Ohio)	4,000,000
Dering Coal Co. (Indiana)	6,000,000
Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. (Alabama)	5,000,000
Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. (Colorado)	5,000,000
Central Coal & Coke Co. (Missouri)	5,000,000
Gould Coal Companies (Missouri)	2,500,000
Utah Fuel Co. (Utah)	1,500,000
Total for other States	57,250,000

Total for above 28 concerns is 141,600,000 tons, or 40 per cent. of the whole bituminous product of the United States.

Some of the companies enumerated above operate in two or more States, and in such cases their output has been credited to the States in which they are chiefly interested.

The bituminous output of the chief coal-producing States in certain years has been as follows:

	1869. Net Tons.	1906. Net Tons.
Pennsylvania	7,798,518	129,532,991
West Virginia	608,878	43,290,350
Illinois	2,624,163	41,480,104
Ohio	2,527,285	27,731,640
Alabama	11,000	13,107,963
Indiana	437,870	12,092,560
Colorado	4,500	10,308,421
Kentucky	150,582	9,653,047
Iowa	263,487	7,266,224
Tennessee	133,418	6,259,275
Wyoming	50,000	6,133,994
Kansas	32,938	6,024,775
Maryland	1,819,824	5,435,453
Virginia	61,803	4,254,879
Missouri	621,930	3,758,008

Some recent figures showing the movement of coal over certain interior waterways in this country are to be found in the just issued report of the Department of Commerce. They tell the story as nothing else will of the importance of these waterways for the carrying of heavy materials, such as coal, ore, etc. The few facts may open the eyes of some people.

Traffic movements on the Great Lakes during October, as measured by the volume of shipments from the various lake ports, aggregated 11,826,003 net tons. Domestic iron ore shipments for the month, mainly from Lake Superior and Michigan ports, 6,321,057 gross tons, exceeded shipments during any other month of the season except August, and were 42 per cent. larger than the October, 1906, shipments. Like shipments for the 10 months of the current season, 36,353,435 gross tons, were 15 per cent in excess of the corresponding 1906 shipments.

Shipments of soft coal for the month mainly from Lake Erie ports to the head of the lakes and Milwaukee, 1,642,612 net tons, were below the figures for the two preceding months, though 14 per cent. in excess of October, 1906, figures. Shipments for the 10 months of the year, 13,284,763 net tons, were about 25 per cent. in excess of the corresponding 1906 figures. These totals are, however, exclusive of the quantity of bunker coal placed aboard vessels engaged in both domestic and foreign commerce on the Great Lakes.

As to movement on the Monongahela river, down stream traffic during the month at Lock No. 3, representing the maximum down stream movement of the river, 1,029,647 tons, shows a considerable increase over the preceding year's figures, owing to heavier coal traffic during the month. The down stream traffic of Lock No 3 for the 10 months, 8,404,177 tons, shows larger volume than for the corresponding periods in the two preceding years.

Down stream traffic by way of Davis Island dam for the first 10 months of the year aggregated 2,419,185 tons, composed chiefly of coal, though comprising also considerable quantities of iron and steel manufactures and miscellaneous merchandise. The number of vessels passing the dam in either direction during the 10 months of the year, 21,571, is more than double the number reported for the corresponding 10 months of 1906.

Traffic through the Louisville and Portland canal and falls at Louisville, Ky., for the season ending October is given as 1,301,635 tons, of which 1,151,765 tons was represented by coal and 69,606 tons by miscellaneous merchandise. Figures for the corresponding periods of 1906 and 1905 were 998,759 tons and 1,505,753 tons, respectively.

The coal traffic on the Kanawha river for the 10 months ending with October was 1,317,283 net tons, as compared with 913,570 tons in 1906. The low cost of moving heavy freight over waterways, as compared with rail, is too well known to be exploited in this article.

FRENCH EXPERTS

Visit Monongah Mine and Say Explosion Was Due to Dust.

M. Jacques Caffanel, Inginiuer au Corps des Mines, Director de la station 'Essais de Lievin, one of the most prominent mine experts of France, accompanied by Pol Dunaime, Inginieur aux Mines d'Anjin, with a party of Fairmont Coal Company officers visited Monongah mine of the company last week and made an inspection in an effort to determine the cause of the explosion there. Both these men were at Courriers, March 10, 1906, when it blew up killing more than 1,000 men. While the experts did not care to make public the result of their investigation they stated emphatically that they did not find gas and thought gas the cause of the explosion.

THE CONNELLSVILLE COKE TRADE.

Summary for the Week Ending Saturday, December 28, 1907.

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds.

Districts.	Ovens.	In Blast.	Out Blast.	Tons.
Connellsville	23,778	8,214	15,564	60,257
Lower C'ville	11,919	5,231	6,688	46,796
Totals	35,697	13,445	22,252	107,053

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.

District.	Pittsb'g	West.	East.	Total.
C'ville and Lower C'ville.	1,226	2,023	477	3,726

Summary for the Week Ending Saturday, December 21, 1907.

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds.

Districts.	Ovens.	In Blast.	Out Blast.	Tons.
Connellsville	23,778	9,332	14,446	97,056
Lower C'ville	17,839	1,516	6,623	53,482
Totals	35,617	14,548	21,069	150,538

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.

District.	Pittsb'g	West.	East.	Total
C'Ville and Lower C'ville.	1,726	2,636	412	4,774

NO TRUSTEE IS NAMED

At Meeting of the Reese-Hammond Creditors at Greensburg.

W. F. SOISSON THE RECEIVER

At Present for Defunct Fire Brick Company and Clearfield County Man Want Place and Neither Had Votes Enough at Yesterday's Meeting.

Special to The Courier.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 31.—The first meeting of the unsecured creditors of the bankrupt Reese-Hammond Fire Brick Company, incorporated, with works at Bolivar, this county, and Garfield, across the river in Indiana county, was held here yesterday before James E. Keenan, of Greensburg, referee in bankruptcy for this district. The main business was to submit and prove up the claims and to select a trustee. Ninety-five creditors from all sections of the state were present and claims aggregating $240,000, which is all in addition to the bonded indebtedness of the concern, were filed.

The selection of a trustee went by the board and such official will be appointed by Referee Keenan, no date having been set for this action. There appears to be two factions among the creditors and each had a candidate in the persons of W. F. Soisson, of Connellsville, the receiver of the defunct concern, and Archibald Davidson, of Curwensville, Clearfield county.

The fight for the trusteeship was a bitter one, but when the balloting had been concluded it was found that neither the candidates had a majority, either of the number of creditors present, or of the amount of indebtedness represented. The creditors thus having failed to select the trustee the matter is up to the Referee in bankruptcy for disposal.

No report was made by Receiver Soisson of the fire brick works valuation or on the amount of available assets. The exact amount of indebtedness is not definitely known, but as stated before, only $240,000 of the unsecured claims were represented at the meeting. Of these claims there are a number from workmen for wages at the Bolivar and Garfield plants.

The Reese-Hammond Company made two issues of bonds secured by first and second mortgage upon the company's plants. The holders of these bonds are preferred creditors. The bond issues amount to $350,000. If a sale of the plants is decided upon these bonds will have to be redeemed before the unsecured claims of $240,000 can be paid off. It is not believed that a sale of the plant would result in the holders of unsecured claims receiving more than a small percentage of the amounts owing.

UNPLEASANT PROSPECT.

Coal Roads Must Dispose of Their Holdings by May 1908.

In company with the Reading, the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware & Hudson, the Lackawanna, the Erie and many other so-called "coal roads," the Buffalo & Susquehanna is facing the unpleasant prospect of having to dispose of its coal properties before the first of May, 1908.

The Buffalo & Susquehanna Coal & Coke Co., owns lands and mining rights estimated to contain 120,000,000 tons of coal. On these lands near DuBois, Pa., are situated two modern shaft mining plants, the output of each being approximately 25,000 tons per month, and at Media Run, Pa., there is a small drift mining plant now producing about 5,000 tons per month. During the last two years the company has been constructing a plant at Onondaga, Pa., which is now nearly completed, and which would have a producing capacity of about 30,000 tons per month. The company is also constructing a drift mining plant at Sagamore, Pa., which will probably be completed during the present fiscal year. This plant is expected to be remarkable for the fact that its producing capacity will reach fully 150,000 tons of coal per month.

The Powhatan Coal & Coke Company owns lands estimated to contain 25,000,000 tons of coal. Practically the entire product of the company is manufactured into coke at its two plants, one located at Sykes, Pa., and the other at Tyler, Pa. Each of these plants produce approximately 15,000 tons of coke per month.

The terms of the Hepburn rate law preclude the possibility of forming a holding company for coal properties. Control of them must pass to entirely independent interests. If the lands are sold no doubt an arrangement will be made whereby the Buffalo & Susquehanna will obtain the haulage of the freight. This is an important item: for bituminous coal made up 38.79 per cent. and coke contributed 10.20 per cent. of the road's total tonnage during the last fiscal year. But, with financial conditions as they are at present, it is very doubtful whether the coal lands could be sold for anything like their real value.

NOTABLE MINE DISASTERS DURING PAST 50 YEARS.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11, 1902; 112 dead.

Anderlues, Belgium, March 11, 1892; 200 dead.

Nainamo, Vancouver, May 4, 1887; 170 dead.

Land Hill, England, February 19, 1857; 189 dead.

Sydney, Australia, March 28, 1887; 87 dead.

Dour, Belgium, November 13, 1888; 121 dead.

Mammoth, near Connellsville, January 27, 1891; 110 dead.

Berlin, Germany, August 19, 1893; 57 dead.

Rhondda Valley, Wales, February 18, 1887; 30 dead.

Mons, Belgium, March 5, 1885; 37 dead.

Braznell mine, near Brownsville, Pa., December 24, 1889; 30 dead.

Port Royal, Pa., 1900; 21 dead.

Port Royal, Pa., 1901; 17 dead.

Hill Farm mine, Dunbar, Pa., June 16, 1890; 31 dead.

Hill Farm mine, Dunbar, Pa., November 22, 1903; 12 dead.

Aber Valley, Wales, May 24, 1901; 80 dead.

Harwick, Pa., January 28, 1904; 189 dead.

Hanna, Wyo., June 30, 1903; 200 dead.

Pas-de-Calais, France, March 10, 1906; over 1,000 dead.

Cananea, Mexico, June 1, 1906; 100 dead.

Pocahontas mine, Virginia, 1884; 307 dead.

Newbury, W. Va., 1886; 39 dead.

Red Ash, W. Va., March 6, 1900; 46 dead.

Berryburg mine, Barbour county, W. Va., November 2, 1900; 15 dead.

Naomi mine, Belleveron, Pa., December 1, 1907; 38 dead.

Monongah mine, Fairmont, W. Va., December 7, 1907; 350 dead.

Yolande mine, Yolande, Ala., December 16, 1907; 70 dead.

Darr mine, Jacob's Creek, Pa., December 19, 1907; 200 dead.

NEW COKE DRAWER.

Jones & Laughlin Install Labor-Saving Device.

Many coke operators in the Connellsville region have been visiting the coke plant of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company at Pittsburg during the past week to witness the operation of a mechanical device for drawing coke from ovens after it has been coked. The steel company has adopted what is called the Hebb coke drawer, a mechanical contrivance operated by electric power, and which under its full power can draw an average of four coke ovens an hour, while the average coke drawer of the human type is able to draw about three ovens a day.

This change in the method of coke drawing adds to the improvements that have been made in coke ovens during the past year. The Belgian oven, which is slowly superceding the old beehive oven, has altered the entire condition of the coke trade where it has been installed. It increases speed and charges, and unloads ovens into cars at a rate believed in the past to be almost impossible.

In the new Hebb machine, which is now attracting attention, the inventor, who is a Uniontown man, has used as the basis for the movements of his machine those of the human drawer. The machine has a scraper which enters the oven and draws out the coke which falls into a hopper and then is by rotary conveyor loaded into cars without being touched by human hands. It is done so quickly that less labor will be required for a plant.

FORM ORGANIZATION.

Forty Companies Represented at Meeting in Uniontown.

PERMANENT OFFICERS CHOSEN

For the Ensuing Year With O. W. Kennedy as President and George B. Irvin as Permanent Secretary. Association's Objects.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 31.—The independent coke operators of the Connellsville regions at a meeting held here last night formally organized the Coke Producers' Association of Fayette and Westmoreland counties. Forty companies were represented. Officers were elected, committees appointed and permanent quarters chosen in the First National Bank building. O. W. Kennedy of the Orient Coke Company was elected President and Harry Whyel, another prominent independent operator and veteran coke man, was chosen Vice President. George B. Irvin, for many years a Superintendent for the Frick Company, was elected Secretary of the Association and will devote all of his attention to its welfare. The Executive Committee is composed of the following: L. W. Fogg, T. J. Mitchell, O. W. Kennedy, W. A. Stone and Harry Whyel.

It is the idea to eliminate "throat cutting," correct abuses of various kinds, deal with the transportation and labor situations and meet the market on a united footing. It is stated the organization will not be antagonistic to the Frick Coke Company, but rather in consonance with it on all matters of common interest.

VERY SUCCESSFUL.

Meeting of Scottdale Y. M. C. A. Well Attended.

The first mining institute held under the auspices of the Scottdale Mining Club of the Y. M. C. A. was a decided success in the point of number present and interest shown in the affair. The institute was held in the rooms of the association on Saturday afternoon and evening last beginning at 3 o'clock and lasted until 9. There were about 30 persons present all of whom were connected with the mining industry of this section either as office men, foremen or mine workers. The addresses and discussions were followed with the closest attention by all present.

The first speaker of the afternoon was Mr. D. C. Brown, mine foreman at the Coalbrook plant. His subject was "The Cause of Mine Fires and How to Reduce Them." The various things that would create fire in a mine were presented and the precautions is necessary to prevent such fires were discussed at length. The second speaker, Mr. P. P. Glenn, mine foreman at Summit Mines, discussed "Coal Dust in Mine Explosions." Mr. Glenn has had many years experience as a mine foreman and understands mining from the practical point of view as well as the theoretical. He explained the manner of coal dust accumulating, the plans best suited to get rid of the same and the part it would take in an explosion, showing the grave danger of allowing the dust to accumulate in the mine. Mr. W. L. Affalder, superintendent of the Redstone mine, discussed "The Chemistry and Property of Gasses." The various kinds of gasses that are usually met with in the mines were named, their properties presented and degree to which they were dangerous pointed out. Methods of detecting the different gases were explained.

At this point there was an intermission while the Ladies Auxiliaray of the local association served an excellent supper to all present. After supper, the speaker was C. L. Fay of Greensburg, secretary of work in the bituminous coal regions. Mr. Fay devoted his time to a discussion of the institutes of this kind that are being held under the auspices of the association, the need of such work for the benefit of the men in the mining communities, especially those of foreign birth and the good that had been accomplished so far in the history of the work. The meeting closed with a question box when a number of important questions were discussed. The entire session was an intensely interesting one. The speakers were men who have been long in service in the mines and know the dangers and the needs of the work. Those who were present as hearers were men who are ambitious to get better positions about the mines and listened with the closest attention. The meeting was a decided success from every point of view.

COAL TRADE

Of the United States Described by U. S. Geological Survey.

The coal fields of 13 States and Territories were examined by geologists of the United States Geological Survey in 1906, and the results of this work have just been published by the Survey as Bulletin No. 316, which forms Part II of "Contributions to Economic Geology, 1906."

The importance of the coal industry at the present time is well illustrated by a comparison of the values of the leading mineral products of the United States for the year 1906, as follows:

Coal	$513,079,809
Iron	505,700,000
Copper	177,595,888
Clay products	161,032,722
Oil and gas	137,318,607
Gold and silver	132,630,200

So far as fuels are concerned the work of the Geological Survey is divided into three classes, geologic, technologic and statistical, the last of which is in charge of the division of mineral resources, whose work for 1906 yielded the figures given above.

All the geologic work on mineral fuels of the United States is under the general supervision of M. R. Campbell. The work is of various grades and degrees of precision, depending on the needs of the public and the conditions under which the surveys are carried on.

In the region west of the 100th meridian the coal fields are comparatively unknown and the work of the Survey is largely exploratory. Rapid reconnaissance surveys are made over large areas to determine the limits of the field and to obtain such information regarding the number and character of the coal beds and their attitude as may be possible in the present undeveloped condition of the field and with the hasty method of examination. In the Eastern fields information is needed almost as badly as in the West, but the work is of a much more detailed character and involves not only a thorough study of the geologic conditions under which the coal occurs, but also a study of the quality of the coal and its adaptability to various commercial uses.

The report just published covers results obtained wholly or in part during 1906 and includes 28 separate papers. Twenty-four of these describe coal fields in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama, Illinois, Arkansas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and California; three are papers of a general nature, and one, the last, is a list of the Survey publications on coal, lignite and peat.

Bulletin No. 316 is now ready for distribution and may be obtained by applying to the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

MILLION IN DAMAGES.

Webster and Pennsylvania Companies File Statement Against P. R. R.

Alleging that they have suffered great losses and demanding damages in the sums of $790,106.79 and $200,228.87, respectively, with interest from the year 1903, the Webster Coal & Coke Company and the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company have filed statements in the suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company entered on May 2, 1907, at Ebensburg, Pa. The total amount involved in the suit is in the neighborhood of $1,250,000, making it one of the most important ever filed in Cambria county.

The plaintiffs allege they have been grossly discriminated against in the matter of coal car supply, which has resulted in the curtailment of their product and increased to a large extent the cost of production at their various collieries. That they could have shipped many thousands of tons more had they been given a fair quota of cars and that they therefore were the losers by many thousands of dollars. It is set forth that the defendant Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in its estimate of the number of cars to which the plaintiff companies were entitled, were much too low and put the plaintiffs at a great disadvantage as a competitor in the coal business.

The bill names the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, the Glenwood Coal Company, the Keystone Coal Company, the Glen White Coal & Lumber Company, and the Altoona Coal & Coke Company as favored corporations and further alleges that the two last named had been granted a rebate of 15 cents a ton on all coal transported to the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

LOW WATER MARK IN THE COKE TRADE.

Holiday Week and Weak Demand Causes It to Fall Below Year Ago.

BOOM WAS STARTING THEN.

Frick Company's Contracts With Independent Operators Ceases With First of Year—Outlook Seems to Forecast Revival of Trade Not Later Than February 1.

Coke production last week touched low water mark for the year, a combination of holiday week and bad market conditions causing it to be slightly in excess of 105,000 tons. Shipments went to 3,726 cars, an exceedingly small number when compared to figures of last year. For the same week last year production was close to 350,000 tons and the shipments aggregated 12,000 cars, but that was at a time when the boom in the coke trade was only beginning, and which continued for upwards of nine months.

The Frick coke company made a general average of four days in running time last week, but some plants, especially the older ones, were cut as low as two days. Others operated five days. The Frick company officially denies the rumor that it was about to fire 7,000 ovens with the beginning of the year, but officials say that the firing of additional ovens in January will occur. The resumption of the industry will occur as gradually at it was retarded, and there will be at no time any large list of ovens fired on short notice. There is an immense amount of first class stock coke to be removed from the yards before entire resumption can take place, and this will be gradually used up as the iron and steel markets gain in strength and coke in demand.

It is quite evident that the Frick Company's production will now be increased from week to week, as with the expiration of the year all its contracts with independent operators will cease, and the company will supply its furnaces from its own ovens. It seems that President Thomas Lynch was right in his contention early in the year that the purchase of coke from independent operators at high prices was not a good policy. The New York end of the United States Steel Corporation, it is said, was responsible for this contracting, against the advice and argument of the coke company President. Mr. Lynch was quoted at that time as saying that the Frick company could supply all coke necessary, and in the past three months the Corporation officials have had plenty of evidence of this statement.

Operators generally believe that the outlook is brighter than for several weeks. There has been a general effort for some weeks past to purchase Lower Connellsville coke from some of the larger operators in that territory at $1.90 per ton, but these operators have persistently refused the offers, although their plants are idle. They contend that they will not only get $2.30 per ton for the product but that they will work off all the stock along with the fresh coke. The middle of January is placed as the time when coke conditions will see an improvement, and operators are positive that it cannot be later than February 1.

Notwithstanding the slump in the trade, the enormous expenditures for new work and additions to plants, and the stringent money market, the coke operators have been remarkably successful in continuing their business without embarrassment, and although there are many millions invested in new operations in the Connellsville districts, there is not a single report of any of the companies being financially distressed. Some big operations that were started early in the summer have been carried along through the period of financial troubles. The increased number of ovens makes it evident that the two coke fields are now prepared to handle the biggest demand.

The organization of the independent operators now seems to have taken a firm standing in the coke trade. Its first president, O. W. Kennedy, for so long known the country over in industrial circles as the general superintendent of the Frick Coke Company, gives it a bearing and strength that will work wonders for the organization. Certainly if an independent organization can be maintained with good results, the officials of this organization, headed by Mr. Kennedy will make it a success. The president is a genius for centralization and effective working power, and if the independents can be held together for their mutual protection by any coke operator in the Connellsville region Mr. Kennedy is the man that can do it.

COAL REDUCED $70 PER ACRE.

Westmoreland Court Cuts Valuations of All But Freeport Vein.

SIXTY OPERATORS APPEALED.

Alleged Excessive Valuation and Inequalities, but the Court Says That as a General Proposition the Valuations Did Not Exceed Fair Market Price.

The Common Pleas Court of Westmoreland county has made a general reduction in the assessment of coal lands in that county averaging $70 per acre, with the exception of the Freeport vein. About sixty coal operators appealed from the assessments placed upon the properties by the County Commissioners, who in many instances increased the assessments placed on them by the assessors. The court filed a lengthy opinion in the cases reviewing the testimony presented and commended the Commissioners' for their work, stating that their principle of valuations was correct.

In fixing the valuations the Commissioners adopted the following resolution: "That the coal of the Latrobe-Connellsville field or basin be fixed at $750 per acre; that the coal of the Loyalhanna and Derry field or basin be fixed at $500 per acre: that the coal of what is known as the Greensburg field or basin be fixed at $500 per acre; that the Irwin and Rostraver field or basin be fixed at $400 per acre; that the coal of the Ligonier or basin, be fixed at $400 per acre; and that what is known as the Freeport vein or seam of coal be fixed at a price not to exceed $40 per acre according to the location."

The Court after reviewing the testimony taken and the reasons for the valuations varying in the different fields attaches the following findings of fact to the opinion:

1. A large part of the county of Westmoreland is underlaid with the Pittsburg vein of coal. This vein is not of uniform value because it varies in thickness, quality, cost of operation and in uses to which adapted.

2. In making the triennial assessment the County Commissioners divided the coal into five natural divisions, as follows:

1. Latrobe-Connellsville basin.
2. Loyalhanna and Derry basin.
3. Greensburg basin.
4. Irwin basin.
5. Ligonier basin.

3. That by resolution a flat rate of assessment as follows was adopted:

On coal in Latrobe-Connellsville basin, $750 per acre.

On coal in Loyalhanna and Derry basin, $500 per acre.

On coal in Greensburg basin, $500 per acre.

On coal in Irwin basin, $400 per acre.

On coal in Ligonier basin, $400 per acre.

4. That, as a general proposition, the valuation fixed by the Commissioners does not exceed the fair market price of the coal in the respective basins.

5. That the comparative values of the different basins are justified by the evidence submitted.

6. That the general plan of assessment was uniformly made and impartially applied, except in those cases where coal and surface were held by individual owners and not by coal companies, coal and surface were assessed at the valuation of coal in this respective basin, while in the case of appelants coal and surface were separately assessed and at an increased valuation.

7. From the decision of the County Commissioners or board of revision about sixty appeals were taken and presented to the Court for hearing. The complaints are much alike, alleging excessive valuation and inequalities. Features peculiar to any case are noted thereunder.

8. Improvements have been assessed independently of the land. The valuation was fixed by the companies and the assessment was made thus by request of the coal companies.

9. Mining machines, which in many cases are assessed, are not attached to the land, but are movable machines and personal property.

The following conclusions of law were noted:

1. That land for purposes of taxation is to be assessed at its fair market value.

2. That surface and coal held in the same right are not to be separately assessed.

3. That coal and surface held by different owners are to be assessed separately, but not a higher valuation on the two interests taken separately than when both are held by the same person.

4. That as the law aims at equality, any substantial departure from the general plan of assessments is ground of complaint by any person prejudiced thereby.

5. That improvements are not to be assessed separately, but land is to be assessed "with the improvements thereon." An assessment in violation of this rule made at the request of the owner will not be disturbed.

6. That mining machines are not taxable.

In the matter of the appeal of A. B. Kline, at No. 618 Aug. T., 1907, the appeal was sustained and the valuation of appelant's property in Greensburg was fixed at $10,000; the county to pay costs, except appellant's bill for witnesses.

In the matter of the appeal of Keystone Coal & Coke Company at No. 562 Aug. T., 1907, the court makes the following:

NOTE: In the appeal double assessments and excess acreage are averred in some instances, and also excessive valuation of frame tipple at Greensburg No. 1. On these matters no evidence was offered and by agreement of counsel the same are withdrawn for adjustment with the Commissioners. The court sustained the appeal as to 40 mining machines and ordered that the valuation of appellant's coal lands (except the Freeport vein) be reduced the sum of $70 per acre. The costs placed the same as above.

In the matter of the appeals of Huron Coal Company., Atlantic Crushed Coke Co., Ligonier Coal Co., Joseph C. Head, Hon. John B. Steel, Ligonier Diamond Coal Co., W. J. Rainey, Mt. Pleasant Coke Co., Hostetter Coke Co., the appeals were sustained and the assessments were reduced $70 in each case; costs to be paid by appellee except appellant's witnesses.

The assessment of the Jamison Coal & Coke Co., was reduced $70 per acre, as were those of R. H. Jamison, Latrobe-Connellsville Coke Co., Shenango Furnace C., Clare Coke Co., Weyel Coke Co., Wm. Thaw estate, Veteran Coke Co, the H. C. Frick Coke Co., and Marion Franklin Byers. The Jamison Coal & Coke Co., complained of double assessment and for property assessed to that corporation which was not owned by them, which matters were referred to the Commissioners. Complaint of excess acreage by R. H. Jamison was likewise referred to them. The appeal of the Latrobe-Connellsville Coal & Coke Co., from the assessment of $3,000 on one locomotive at Millwood was sustained. The Loyalhanna Coal & Coke Co., complained of double assessments, an excess of acreage both of which were referred to the commissioners, and the court ordered that the coal land of appellant be made at $350 an acre. In the case of the Clare Coke Co., the sum of of $20,530 is added for improvements if objection is insisted on that these be not assessed separately. The Weyel Coke Co., had $11,900 additional placed on it under the same conditions.

The assessment of 150 acres of coal in Unity township to the Benedictine Society at $750 per acre was reduced to $500 per acre.

The appeals of J. U. Kuhns and Jacob Ruff's heirs were dismissed and the assessments affirmed at the cost of the appellants.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Bondholders Will Receive About $200,000,000 This Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—It is estimated that bondholders will receive nearly $200,000,000 within the next day or two, the sum representing the end of the year interest and dividend disbursements of the great corporations. Statistics show that more money will be paid out to holders of stocks and bonds this end of the year than ever before. About $105,000,000 is being paid out to holders of bonds, while the dividend paying stocks will distribute $77,000,000.

The fact that copper companies have been forced to cut down their dividends and many railroads and industrial concerns have been forced to either pay in scrip or reduce their dividends has not changed the general total of dividend and interest payments. The reason for this state of affairs is due to the larger capitalizations and bonded obligations, all of which have been floated this year or in the latter part of 1906.

Head over shoulders of industrial corporation in the matter of the end of the year coupon payments, the United States Steel Corporation towers. It will pay out this week $1,641,000. The Consolidated Gas Company is second, with $1,379,000, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will distribute $1,885,000. In the list of dividend payers, the Union Pacific's disbursements lead with a total of $4,887,450, and Southern Pacific is second with payments of $3,487,000.

The Union Pacific will pay for its bonds $3,500,000, the Great Northern $3,122,000 and the Southern Pacific nearly $2,000,000 Another of the great bond coupon payers is the St. Louis and San Francisco, which will pay $2,049,000 and the Canadian Pacific nearly $3,000,000 to the holders of the coupons.

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Works.	Operator.	P. O. Address.	Ovens.	In Blast.
Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	262	
Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	86	
Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	375	100
Alverton No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	252	100
Alverton No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	104	
Atlas No 1	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	90	90
Atlas No 2	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	120	
Atlas No. 3	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar, Pa	92	..
Baggaley	H C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	
Beatty	Mt. Pleasant C. Co.	Greensburg, Pa	182	100
Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg, Pa.	330	
Bourne	Wharton Coke Works	Uniontown, Pa.	86	86
Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	120	50
Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	240	
Brush Run	Brush Run C. & C. Co	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	30	
Buckeye	H. C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	306	
Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	260	160
Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	303	100
Chester	E. A. Humphries & Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	54	
Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	100	60
Clarissa	Jas. Cochran & Sons	Dawson, Pa.	108	40
Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	120	
Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	200
Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	326	100
Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	200
Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	120	120
Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	333	200
Dexter	J R. Stauffer & Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	40	40
Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	230	
Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	40
Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown	40	40
Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N Y.	218	
Empire	Majestic Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	120	
Enterprise	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg, Pa.	48	48
Florence	E. A. Humphries & Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	20	20
Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	186	
Foundry	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	97	97
Franklin	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale, Pa.	50	50
Frick	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	105	105
Gilmore	Gilmore C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	101	101
Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	408	
Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	272	
Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	
Hecla No 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	100
Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	120	100
Hester	Hester Coke Co.	Masontown, Pa.	50	
Home	Stauffer & Wiley	Scottdale, Pa.	20	20
Hostetter	Hostetter-Con. Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	255	
Humphreys	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	100	100
Junction	Marietta-Gainer C Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	20	20
Juniata	Juniata Coke Co.	Dawson, Pa.	250	84
Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	306	100
Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	200
Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	200
Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	501	200
Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	308	103
Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	227	101
Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	350	200
Love	Conn. Mutual C. Co.	Connellsville, Pa.	32	32
Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	510	200
Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	100
Meyers	Brownfield-Con. C. Co.	Carr, Pa.	32	32
Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	165	
Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	540	50
Mullen	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	82	
Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	197	100
Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson, Pa.	329	
Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	252	100
Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co.	Oliver, Pa.	328	328
Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co.	Oliver, Pa.	480	480
Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co.	Oliver, Pa.	300	300
Painter	H. C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	228	
Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	489	50
Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville, Pa.	92	46
Percy	Percy Mining Co.	Percy, Pa.	36	
Rainey	W J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	186	
Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	445	200
Revere	W J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	650	150
Sapper	Harding & Byrne	Scottdale, Pa.	26	
Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar, Pa.	110	110
Shannon	Shannon Coke Co.	Uniontown	40	
Shirey	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	36	
Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	446	200
Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa	625	200
Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa	252	200
Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	205	100
Southwest No. 4	H. C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	151	
Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson, Pa.	61	
Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	901	303
Sterling	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	50	
Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	155	
Summit	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	142	
Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	40
Tip Top	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	121	
Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	464	200
Tyrone	American Coal M. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	50	
United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	350	200
Union	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.	72	
Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	251	100
Veteran	Veteran Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.	80	
White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	200	146
Whitney	Hostetter-Con. Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa.	352	
Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	300	100
York Run	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	420	200
Youngstown	H. C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	241	200
Totals			23,778	8,211

LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT.

Ada	Ada Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	
Annamyra	Leckrone Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	32	
Atcheson	Republic I. & S. Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	138	76
Baxter	Baxter Ridge C. & C. Co.	Cheat Haven, Pa.	20	
Brier Hill	Brier Hill C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	470	470
Buffington	H. C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	426	200
Burchinal	Smithfield C. & C. Co.	Smithfield, Pa.	30	
Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville, Pa.	205	133
Coffman	South Fayette C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	30	
Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	50
Colonial No. 2	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	30	
Colonial No. 4	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	45
Cyrilla	Rocks C & C. Co.	Connellsville, Pa.	90	90
Crystal	Sackett C & C. Co	Smithfield, Pa.	120	120
Donald	Consolidated Con C Co	Uniontown, Pa.	102	100
Dorothea	Iron City C. & C Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	30	10
Dorothy	Jacobs Creek C Co.	Unionrown, Pa.	32	
East Connellsville	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Uniontown, Pa.	52	
Edenborn	Waltersburg C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	200
Edna	South Fayette C. Co.	Waltersburg, Pa.	147	
Eme	James' Byrne Co.	Uniontown Pa.	32	
Finley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	32	
Footedale	Sunshine C. & C Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	
Francis	South-Fayette C Co.	Masontown, Pa.	50	
Fretts	Bessemer Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	80	
Griffie	Con. Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	499	350
Herbert	Hustead-Seman C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	100	100
Hustead	Labelle Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	200	
La Belle	Atlas Coke Co.	Fredericktown, Pa	200	200
Lafayette	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Waltersburg, Pa.	220	100
Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg Pa	460	260
Leckrone	Lincoln C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	616	
Lincoln	Con Central Coke Co.	Scottdale, Pa	400	350
Low Phos	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa	251	251
Martin	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	195	100
McKeefry	Bessemer Coke Co.	Leetonia, O.	202	202
Millsboro	Echard Coal & C. Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	100	100
Murphy	Newcomer Coke Co.	Perryopolis, Pa.	60	
Newcomer	Orient Coke Co.	Newcomer, Pa	30	30
Orient	H. C Frick Coke Co	Uniontown, Pa	480	350
Phillips	Puritan Coke Co	Pittsburg, Pa	180	
Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	32	
Parshall No. 2	Perry C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa	168	100
Perry	Plumer Coke Co.	Perryopolis, Pa.	30	
Plumer	Republic I & S. Co.	Uniontown Pa.	72	72
Republic	Rich Hill C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	
Rich Hill	Taylor C & C. Co.	Oliverop Pa	120	50
Searight	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	358	150
Shamrock	Uniontown Coke Co.	Uniontown Pa.	260	
Smithfield	Prospect C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	20	
Solon	Con Connellsville C Co.	New Salem, Pa.	100	
Sterling	Struthers C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	130	130
Struthers	Sunshine C. & C. Co.	Fairbanks, Pa	260	100
Teresa	Thompson Con. C. Co.	Masontown, Pa	150	
Thompson No. 1	Thompson Con. C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa	160	160
Thompson No 2	Con. Connellsville C. Co.	Pittsburg Pa.	240	240
Virginia	Washington C. & C Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	160	
Washington No 1	Washington C. & C. Co.	Dawson, Pa.	500	150
Washington No 2	Kaine & Wilkey C Co	Dawson, Pa.	500	150
Whitsett		Uniontown, Pa.	32	
Totals			11,919	5,231

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WASHINGTON D C Dec 28—A plan to make the Ohio and all its principal tributaries navigable at all seasons of the year without building any more locks and dams is to be presented to President Roosevelt as an appendix to the preliminary report of the Inland Waterways Commission

Approximately 100 immense reservoirs to be located in the valleys of the Youghiogheny, Monongahela, Big and Little Kanawha Kentucky Licking Tennessee Cumberland and Big Sandy, falling into the Ohio from the south and the Allegheny Beaver and the Miami from the north, are to do the work by holding the flood water and releasing it during the summer when the rivers are low

The reservoirs will cost it is roughly estimated, over $100 000 000, which is 40 per cent more than the estimated cost of the locks and dams that will be needed on the Ohio to carry out the canalization scheme reported more than a year ago by the special board of army engineers

The army engineers recommended the construction of 52 locks and dams at a cost of approximately $61 000 000 The members of the Inland Waterways Commission other than General Mackenzie and Chairman Burton of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors do not think much of the plan But they think much of the plan before mentioned, which is the work of Marshall O Leighton hydrographer of the Reclamation Service and consulting hydrographer of the Waterways Commission because Mr Leighton holds out the allurement that the cost of reservoirs will be returned to the Government treasury many fold by returns from the water power which the reservoirs are to develop

Mr Leighton says that he has figured that the return from the reservoirs in the Monongahela Valley would equal 3 per cent. on an investment of $39 000 000, while the return from reservoirs on the Big Kanawha would be 3 per cent of $120 000 000

"There is no question that the reservoirs would be profitable in a commercial sense said Mr Leighton "without considering the great saving that would result from prevention of floods in the Allegheny and Ohio valleys The floods of last January and March caused a loss of $10 000 000 That however is a small sum in comparison with the depreciation in value of the lands subject to flood menace I am sure if that could be appraised it would be much more than the cost of the reservoirs"

OUTCROP CAUGHT FIRE.

Some of the Coal at Leckrone Masontown Reports Caught Fire, But Is Under Control.

MASONTOWN Dec 28—A small fire was discovered the first of this week at the opening into the Leckrone mine near the old Mennonite church about three miles from here The opening at the Mennonite church was used by the miners of Leckrone in entering and coming from their work The mine has not been in operation for several weeks and the supposition is that the fire started some time last week The coal outcrops at this point and it took fire a short distance from the entrance

There are contradictory reports as to how the fire started and set the coal blazing As soon as it was discovered every effort was made to get it under control and officials of the company have succeeded There is no danger now of the fire spreading and the smouldering blaze will be entirely extinguished in a day or so

Leckrone is one of the largest mines of the Frick company in the Lower Connellsville district

COURT EXPLAINS.

Reduction of Westmoreland Coal Land Tax Values Based on Production Possibilities

GREENSBURG Dec 24—Judge McConnell in his opinion reducing the coal land valuations $70 an acre from the figures fixed by the County Commissioners at the last triennial assessment says there were error in the assessment ratified by the Commissioners in that coal in certain fields was assessed at a uniform valuation whereas the vein varied in thickness and quality

Surface land overlying the coal was valued uniformly at $70 an acre it is pointed out that the surface land and coal held in the same right are not to be separately assessed, although coal and surface lands held by different owners should be so assessed but not a higher valuation than if the two were to be sold separately

RAILROAD SUED.

Coal Concerns Charge Pennsylvania Company with Discrimination

JOHNSTOWN, Pa Dec 24—(Special)—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday was made the defendant in suits for more than $1 000 000, brought by the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company and the Webster Coal & Coke Company The allegation is made that for four years the railroad company has discriminated against the plaintiffs in the matter of coal cars and that rebates have been granted the Glen White Coal Company

The two companies mentioned as prosecutors are operated under the management of the Pennsylvania Beech Creek & Eastern Coal & Coke Company, which is supposed to be controlled by the New York Central railroad The coal combination operates 40 mines in this section of the State and its total capital is estimated to be $20 000,000

Labor World Notes.

One of the latest unions in labor circles is the formation of a Pallbearers Union in Alexandria Va

More than forty unions of retail clerks are under course of organization in as many cities and towns of New England

Ten women in the United States earn their living in the capacity of baggagemen

The California State Federation of Labor will hold its annual convention in Vallejo beginning January 6

The next biennial convention of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association will be held at Louisville

A union of soda water dispensers numbering 180 members in all will be organized and chartered in Atlanta according to present plans

A wood working and building finish and trim making mill owned and operated by the carpenter unions of Greater Boston is being seriously considered by the district council of carpenters in that city

The Fall River Textile Council and the manufacturers have agreed to continue the wage-establishment agreement for another six months

United States Senator Flint of California has announced his intention of introduce a bill in Congress to restrict the immigration of Hindoos

German factory legislation forbids a woman to work within a month of the birth of her child and the workmens insurance system insures her gratuitous medical assistance and half her ordinary wages

Patternmakers are voting on a plan to consolidate the office of National President and Secretary Treasurer and thus have but one permanent general office

The executive council of the United States Textile Workers of America has voted to assess each of the 18 000 members three cents a week for the support of the Brussel carpet weavers who are on strike a Lowell Mass

Toronto Ont has been chosen as the next meeting place for the biennial convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America

Count Von Posadowsky Wehner Minister of the Interior of Germany has undertaken the preparation of a plan for the maintenance of persons out of work while they are seeking employment

The various organizations of teamsters of San Francisco and vicinity have organized a joint executive council for the State The purpose is to better protect the interests of the different bodies of the State whose members are engaged in teaming

The President of the miners union at Cobalt Ont who was recently arrested on the charge of inciting miners to strike in violation of the Canadian industrial disputes act was found guilty and sentenced to six months imprisonment

The second section of the law limiting the hours of labor in cotton and woolen mills in South Carolin will become effective January 1 The last legislature passed a law limiting the hours to 60 per week The law however did not become operative at once but allowed the mills to reduce the numbers of hours to 62 on the first day of July and to 60 on the first of the year

A COAL FAMINE.

Custom Fuel Hard to Get at Times and High Here

Dr M B Shupe is of the opinion that this section of Pennsylvania is facing an approaching coal famine as regards the custom trade At a recent meeting of the School Board this matter was brought up for an informal discussion One of the bidders for supplying the schools with coal presented the lowest figures but was rejected because the quality of coal he furnished was not up to the required standard

I believe remarked Dr Shupe that there will be a coal famine in this region within the next ten years Already is it a hard matter for the custom trade to be supplied and the matter is becoming more serious each succeeding year

Bomb for a Widow

Angered by jealousy a man said to be Joe Roy tossed a bomb into the house of Mrs Faustina Mastrionola a pretty widow at Charleroi about 4 o'clock yesterday morning severely injuring Mrs Mastrionola wrecking the home and setting fire to several adjoining buildings Mrs Mastrionola had refused to marry Roy

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STRICTER REGULATIONS.

Coal Operators Will Petition Court Relative to Liquor Traffic

JOHNSTOWN Pa Dec 27—Coal operators and their superintendents from all parts of Cambria county are holding a conference to formulate a petition to the court urging a stricter regulation of the wholesale liquor traffic of the county

The coal men it is understood are taking up the liquor question for purely economic reasons The rules of the court are being flagrantly violated they assert to the detriment of their properties and injury of their men

EDNA MINE FIRE

The Flames It Is Said, Must Be Walled In

IRWIN Pa Dec 28—The one chance by which Edna No 1 mine of the United Coal Company where fire started last Tuesday evening can be saved It is said is to wall in the flames and flood the workings Should this fail the mine with its thousands of tons of coal will probably be much damaged

French Experts Coming

The French Commission of Coal Miners who began an exhaustive investigation of fire damp explosion and means looking to their prevention after the recent disaster at Courriers has sent a committee headed by M Paffrath to America to study the situation here with particular reference to the catastrophe at Monongah

No Wage Reduction

Notice has been posted at New Castle and Lawrence the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company that no wage reduction will be made the coming year the 1907 scale continuing in effect

Edna Mine Is On Fire

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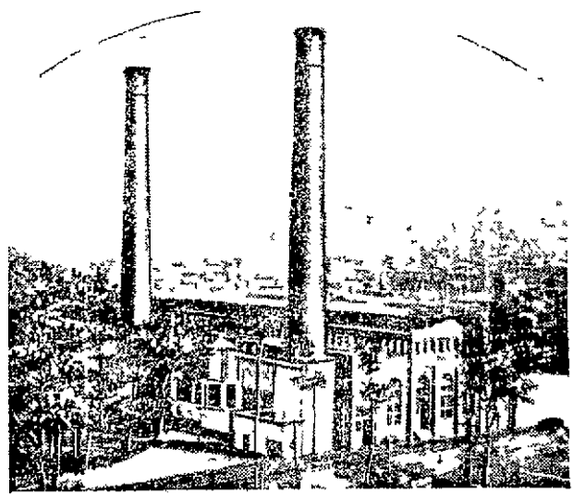
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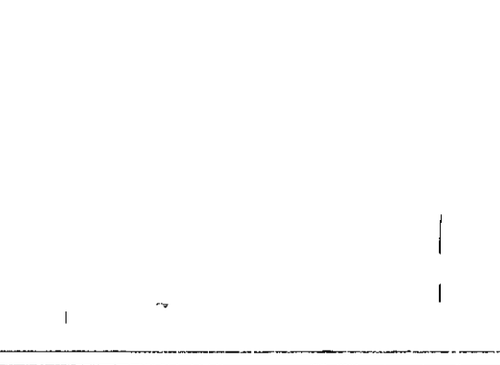
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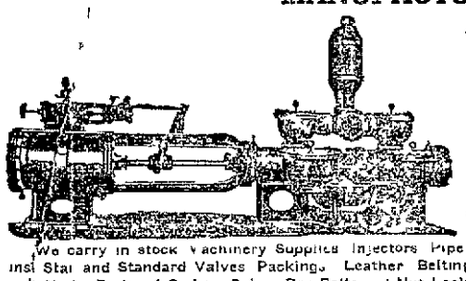
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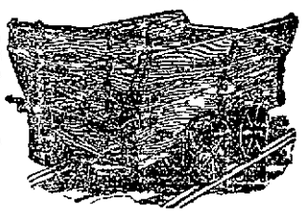
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WHEN MINING WAS WASTEFUL

Small Tracts of Several Acres Left in the Ground in Early Days of Operation Now Being Taken Out in the Georges Creek Region.

Although there are thousands of acres of coal lands throughout the United States that are undeveloped and never sullied by the stroke of a pick, coal mines long ago abandoned as being worked out are being reclaimed in certain sections of the country. Probably the most conspicuous example of reclaiming old mines, removing the coal and gutting the mountain side, is in the Georges Creek region, near Cumberland, Md.

History shows the first bituminous coal mined in the United States was found near Frostburg, Md. Old records show that even as early as the time of George Washington some coal was removed from the hills in this notable region. Mining on a large scale was carried on at this place as many as 60 years ago, big wagons carrying the coal to the markets. Fifty years ago some of the coal mines were abandoned, supposedly being worked out. In reality thousands of tons of good coal remained, but the crude methods adopted in those days in removing the coal were not sufficient to rob the mountains of the black diamonds, and today they are being reclaimed.

One of the coal companies that has been eminently successful in this work is the Piedmont and Georges Creek Coal Company, of which John Brophy, a veteran coal man, is the President and active head. Six or seven years ago this company leased old workings from the Consolidation Coal Company, paying so much a ton on coal removed. Wise old heads scoffed at the idea that coal could be removed in paying quantities from mines which had been abandoned for over 50 years and were filled with fallen slate and rock; whose rooms and headings were the habitation of bats, while great pools of water filled the air courses, headings and low places until the mines resembled a series of sumps.

Brophy, both an engineer and coal miner, however, started to make a survey of the property, with the result that at certain places an acre or two of good coal was found untouched. At other places headings had fallen in when the operations were on and other headings were driven around the obstruction. This was about the only method employed by coal miners 50 years ago, and great blocks of coal of considerable value were found to be untouched.

To one who has never experienced anything of the kind knows what obstacles had to be overcome in making the surveys. The engineers who made the maps of the abandoned mines had to crawl many miles on their knees, level the transit head on the top of a pile of slate, take the magnetic direction and chain the distance. The engineers penetrated many miles into the old workings and found coal to exist in abundance never touched by the invaders of a half century ago. After the map had been made projections were mapped out on the plot and the mines were again opened.

After clearing out the main heading it was turned so that it would be driven straight across the rooms, therefore making it possible to remove just as much coal as debris had to be removed. These headings and butt headings were thus driven clear to the property lines. Then the work was started back. Headings were driven at right angles across the blocks of solid coal, timbering was brought into play and pillars were drawn according to the modern way of mining, until today the coal is being mined nearly as clean as though a deposit of the valuable carbon had never existed in that section.

The work is still continuing and the people who dared undertake the job are growing rich. This is due to the fine quality of the coal, the nearness to tidewater, with a differential of 10 cents a ton on freight rates, and the scarcity of any coal so near to the Atlantic seaboard. The coal which is now being removed is the closest to the Baltimore market of any coal in the United States.

HIGHER EFFICIENCY

In Generation of Steam from Coal at Fuel Testing Plant.

The fuel-testing plant established by the United States Geological Survey at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1903 was not closed with the exposition itself for the experiments promised results of so great economic value that Congress has recognized the desirability and, indeed the necessity for continuing the work by annual appropriations that have aggregated several hundred thousand dollars.

The results of the tests by the several divisions of the fuel-testing plant were published by the Survey in 1905 and 1906 as Bulletins Nos. 261 and 290, giving preliminary reports of the operations of the plant and as Professional Paper No. 48, giving complete and detailed information of the tests made during the exposition. To these reports Bulletin No. 325, a study of 400 steaming tests made at the plant in 1904, 1905 and 1906, has just been added.

The fuel tests discussed in this paper were made under two Heine water-tube boilers, with coals collected from all the prominent fields of the United States; and the work was performed and the results prepared for publication under the direction of Prof. L. P. Breckenridge, engineer in charge of the boiler section, by a corps of trained observers and computers, including Messrs. Walter T. Ray, Henry Kreisinger, Harry W. Weeks and others. That the report presents much that is new is not surprising, for never before have 400 boiler tests been made under two boilers exactly alike with coals and lignites from all sections of the United States and with all tests fired by the same expert fireman.

All of the work was done with the hope of discovering new guiding principles by which the results of burning any given fuel may be forecasted more accurately than can now be done from chemical analysis and observation of physical characteristics. It is true that at present the choice of coals in any market for any given use can be narrowed down to perhaps 20 per cent of the coals available by the consideration of market price, freight charges, chemical analyses, heating value, and physical characteristics; the boiler section to so complete the knowledge of the coals that about three-fourths of the 20 per cent can also be discarded after laboratory investigations.

Although the discussion is based on results obtained in a single furnace with boilers of one type, many of the results should have wide application in any furnace and under any type of boiler. The tests at the plant were all made at about the rated capacity of the boilers, carrying a steam pressure of about 80 pounds. The average length of test was about 10 hours. For all the coals used, the average efficiency obtained at the plant was about 10 per cent, higher than is obtained at good commercial plants. As the boiler plant is at present the expensive portion of a steaming outfit, and as it is probably possible to cut down its present cost and at the same time obtain higher efficiency, good ground exists for expecting enormous improvement in the production of steam power within the next few years. If so it will not be the first time that a new arrival in an industrial field has spurred on older forms of enterprise to higher prosperity than they ever dreamed of before. The competition of the gas engine may be the best thing that ever happened to steam engines and turbines. The authors of the report see no reason why boilers which will produce about ten times the amount of steam now obtained per square foot of heating surface, with no difficulty in obtaining dry steam, cannot be constructed and probably operated with entire satisfaction. The efficiency from coal to steam should easily be made considerably higher than that of a good performance today.

Commenting upon the general results of the work, Walter T. Ray, who as engineer locally in charge of the steaming tests had the responsibility of selecting materials and deciding what views should be expressed, says:

"Many of the opinions given in this volume are not shared by all the authors; some of them represent a compromise. * * * * It is realized that future work may show that some of the opinions advanced herein are faulty, and consequently the right is reserved to change them. Nevertheless, this work as a whole expresses the best present knowledge of the boiler division and it is given out for others to think about."

A number of new lines of investigation are suggested in the report, several of which will soon be taken up, and some of these may give data for determining the burning qualities of fuels independently of the apparatus in which the process takes place Copies of Bulletin No. 325 may be obtained by applying to the Director of the Geological Survey at Washington, D. C.

BAILEY RESIGNS

Position With Sunshine Coke Co. to Engage in Coal Business.

Joseph R. Bailey has resigned his position with the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company at Masontown, and will devote his time to the development of a small tract of coal in West Virginia, in which he and W. D. McGinnis of Connellsville are interested.

Mr. Bailey has been with the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company for five years and has a practical knowledge of the business. Joseph Neiland of Pittsburg succeeds him with the Sunshine company.

Keister Employes Get Cash.

The employes of B. F. Keister & Co., at Franklin or Summit, received their pay on Tuesday in cash. This company has continued to pay in cash throughout the money stringency. In fact many of the company's miners and coke drawers have their first scrip to see.

Coal at Portage.

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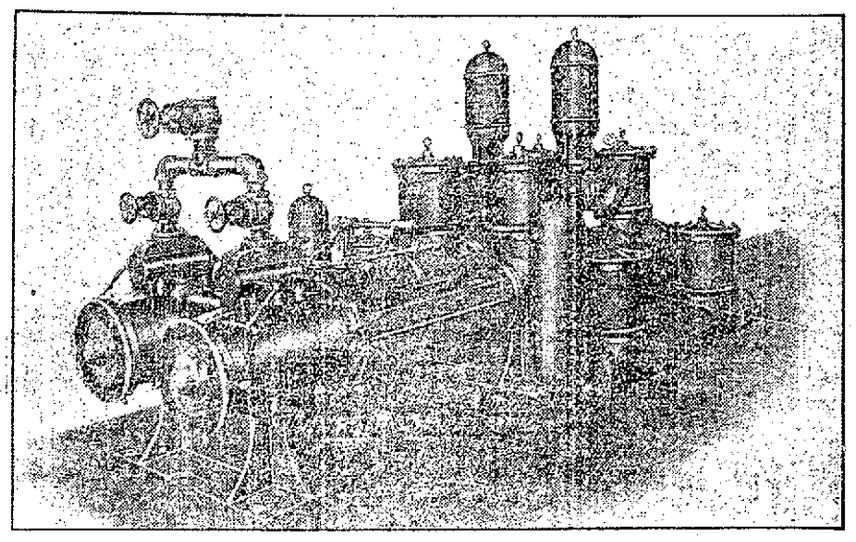
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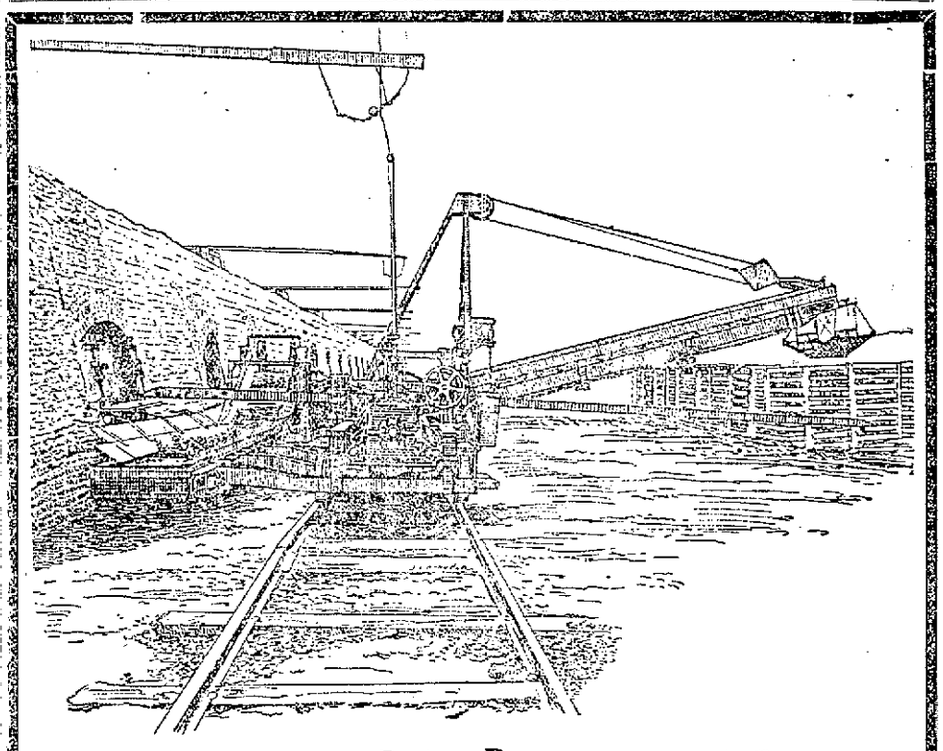
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